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CDC children create arts, crafts



Photos by Nathan L. Hanks Jr.

Children at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany's Child Development Center sharpen their motor skills during arts and crafts time Monday by creating collages using glue, paper squares and magazine cutouts.

Protect identity

Erin Walkey
Student assistant

Social Security numbers have been around for nearly 80 years and most people who live in the United States have one.

However, many may not realize just how important that nine-digit number is to their identities.

In 1936, the Social Security number was created for the sole purpose of tracking the earnings histories of U.S. workers, for use in determining Social Security benefit entitlements and computing benefit levels, according to the U.S. Social Security Administration's website, www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/ssb/v69n2/v69n2p55.html.

There are many ways to protect personal information, such as Social Security numbers, which should not be disclosed to others, Capt. Michael Duffy, privacy act officer/forms management officer, Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, said.

"Social Security numbers are one of the primary pieces of information used in identity theft and fraud," Duffy said. "Widespread use of the Social Security number has put the military and civilian Department of Defense employees at risk to these crimes."

"The best way to protect yourself is to verify the person or organization requesting your personally identifying information has a real need to know," he said. "Check any forms that request personally identifiable information have a privacy act notice that includes these four items: authority, purpose, routine uses and disclosure."

If a person violates the regulations involving the disclosures of Social Security numbers, there are severe punishments, Duffy said.

"For civilian employees, unauthorized disclosure or

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Base bow hunting season closes, deer management continues

Nathan L. Hanks Jr.
Editor

For most Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany hunters, the 2012-2013 bow hunting season ended successfully, despite a slight decline in the total number of bucks and does harvested.

Archers hunted about 1,100 acres of land aboard the base during the hunting season, which began Sept. 18, 2012, and ended Jan. 15.

There were 109 registered hunters who hunted the 160-day season, according to Julie Robbins, natural resource manager, Environmental Branch, Installation and Environment Division, MCLB Albany.

Archers were allowed to hunt seven days a week during the hunting season.

"The average buck harvested was larger this year compared to the 2011 deer season," Robbins said. "Hunters also reported seeing less disparity in the doe-to-buck ratio. Equal sex ratios helped to ensure a healthy deer density, which improved the hunter's opportunity to encounter more mature bucks."

The harvest quota for the 2012 deer hunting season was 39 does and 16 bucks.

Although there were some semi-mature to mature deer harvested from the base, the harvest quota was not met. There were 35 does and 8 bucks harvested this year, which is a slight decline from the 2011-2012 hunting season, according to Robbins.

"In past years, spotlight surveys conducted by Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the game warden and volunteers, helped to determine harvest quotas," she said. "These quotas help to ensure the deer population is in balance with the environment."

The lower numbers of bucks harvested may be attributed to a shorter than expected rut, she added.

The rut is the breeding season and deer activity during daylight hours increases substantially as bucks search for receptive does, according to Robbins.

"Generally more bucks are harvested in late November during the breeding season, Robbins said.

"This year, however, a brief rut occurred in late October and a second occurred in December making it more difficult for hunters to encounter mature bucks during hunting hours."

Hunting pressure may also have impacted hunter success, she noted.

"The small size of Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany and the large number of hunters can push deer to become more nocturnal and cautious," she said. "This makes hunters have to work harder on base than they would on private land or leases to harvest deer."

Al Belanger, game warden, Environmental Branch, said overall, as deer management is concerned, he considered the season a success.

"Our goal is get the deer population to 2-to-1, doe-to-buck ratio," he said. "It's taking some time, but we are getting there."

Seven bucks with seven points or more were downed this season, according to Belanger.



Danny Black harvested the season's heaviest buck weighing 220.5 pounds. The 9-point buck scored mid-130s class in the Pope and Young Classification.

Photo illustration

"There was one buck with seven points, two bucks with eight points and four bucks with nine points," Belanger said. "The average weight for a buck taken was 161 pounds with an average, inside antler spread of 15.5 inches. The average weight for the does harvested was 83 pounds."

The average weight and antler spread of the bucks were slightly higher this year compared to the 2011 season, according to Robbins.

Michael Garve harvested the first deer of the season Sept. 8, 2012, a 117-pound doe, while Michael Gross harvested the largest doe of the season, Nov. 10, 2012, weighing 120.6 pounds. Danny Black harvested the heaviest buck of the season, Nov. 17, 2012, weighing 220.5 pounds.

Black downed his 9-point buck, Nov. 17, 2012, which scored mid-130s class in the Pope and Young classification, is a universally-accepted scoring system, which sets the standards for measuring and scoring North American big game for archery.

Throughout the season, hunters received additional assistance from two tracking dogs.

"Beagles Daisy and Dexter, owned by Matt Calstrom and Steve Dzuiban, helped track and find ten deer during the season," Robbins said. "The beagles enabled hunters to find deer in thick cover and significantly improved recovery rates. Hunters were very grateful for the two teams of trackers."

Belanger said considering the number of hunters this year and the amount of land available, if this was a hunting preserve, there wouldn't have been more than 10 people hunting.

At other commercial plantations, it would cost \$800 to \$1,500 for a similar hunting experience.

Deer hunting registration on base costs \$35 for officers and \$30 for enlisted Marines, he added.

Belanger attributes the success of the deer season to archery qualifications conducted in early July.

Per Base Order 1720.17R, hunters are restricted to

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MCLB Albany Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
Hi 61, Lo 28	Hi 62, Lo 39	Hi 67, Lo 38

Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany's Tax Center is open and located in Building 3500, Room 10. The hours of operation are Mondays-Fridays from 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. by appointment only. For more information, call 229-639-6186.

MCLB Albany Updates

Budget for Baby Workshop date set

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society will host a Budget for Baby Workshop, Feb. 8 from 9-11 a.m. at Marine and Family Services in Building 7200.

Registration is required by Friday. Classes are open to active-duty service members, retirees and their family members. Attendees will learn about financial adjustments associated with a new baby including increased expenses, pressure from consumers targeting new parents and entitlements available through government and private sources. For more information, call 229-639-5278.

BIG schedules Black History Luncheon

The Albany Chapter of Blacks in Government is hosting a Black History Luncheon Feb. 12 here at the Town and Country Restaurant Grand Ballroom from 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Shirley Sherrod. The theme is "At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality: The Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington." Cost is \$12.50. For more information, call Ira Thompson at 229-639-6212.

FRO announces Fun Night Out

Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany's family readiness officer has scheduled a Fun Night Out for military couples and single service members, Feb. 15 from 6-10 p.m.

The event will be held at the Town and Country Restaurant and Single Marine Lounge. Child care will be provided by the Child Development Center at a cost of \$4 per child per hour. To register a child at the CDC, call 229-639-5765. For more information, call 229-639-8896.

MCFTB plans Family Care Plan workshop

Marine Corps Family Team Building will host a Family Care Plan workshop Feb. 15 from 9-10 a.m. at Building 7200.

The class is mandatory for Marines with one or more dependent. The class is open to active-duty service members and their family members.

Family Care Plan is a document that provides guidance

for identified individuals to follow in the care of a Marine's family member; in his or her absence.

The class will explain how to prepare a plan, the forms required and when it should be submitted and updated. Base Legal will also be available to answer questions.

The deadline to have a plan complete is March 13. Child care will be provided by the Child Development Center for free. To register a child, call 229-639-5765.

For more information, call 229-639-6171.

MCCS to host education, career fair

Marine Corps Community Service will host an Education and Career Fair on Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Building 7120.

The purpose is to provide employment and education opportunities for service members who are transitioning from the military, military spouses, family members and Department of Defense personnel.

For more information, call 229-639-9122.

Commissary offers Rewards Card

The free Commissary Rewards Card is available at the Commissary.

The card is designed to reduce the number of paper coupons patrons clip and carry - saving them time and money.

Adding digital coupons is done online after registering through www.commissaries.com/rewards/index.cfm.

New digital coupons typically become available every two to three weeks.

For more information, visit the website or ask in the Commissary.

PAO takes photos on Friday mornings

Command and promotion photos are taken by the Public Affairs Office staff every Friday morning.

Marines should arrive on time and in the proper uniform.

Service members should also ensure their ribbons are in the proper order and their uniforms fit according to Marine Corps uniform regulations.

All ranks must have a staff noncommissioned officer or above present during the photo session.

For more information, call 229-639-5216/5479.



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Base Theater movies



Parental Guidance
"PG"
Friday, 7 p.m.



The Guilt Trip
"PG13"
Saturday, 7 p.m.



Silver Linings Playbook
"R"
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$4 for adults; \$2.50 for children age 6-11 and free for children younger than 5. Cash only.

MCCS Events

Information, Tickets and Tours closes for inventory

The Information, Tickets and Tours will close Friday at 3 p.m. for inventory. For more information, call 229-639-8178.

Bosma Skeet Range, Pistol Range opens for practice

Bosma Skeet Range will be open Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. - noon and the Pistol Range open from noon - 2 p.m. For more information, call 229-639-5246.

Predeployment brief provides information

A pre-deployment brief will be held Feb. 20 at 9-11 a.m. at Building 7200. For more information, call 229-639-6171.

Marine Corps Exchange open during President's Day holiday

The Marine Corps Exchange will be open during President's Day holiday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, call 229-888-6801.

Family Team Building to hold return and reunion brief

A Return and Reunion brief will be held Feb. 6 from 9-11 a.m. For location and more information, call 229-639-6171.

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Base conducts prescribed burn

Article and photos by
Nathan L. Hanks Jr.

Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany's Natural Resources Section is currently conducting prescribed burning of base timber. The burning is an integral part of managing forests in southwest Georgia. Burning accomplishes multiple objectives including reducing fuel loads to mitigate wildfires, improves habitat for wildlife, and reduces populations of undesirable plants and insects.

Burning will only be done on days with favorable weather conditions. Personnel sensitive to smoke should avoid areas being burned.

Generally, 15-20 days of actual burning is needed to accomplish the mission of burning 50 percent of the timber stands throughout the base. Thirty to 40 acres is the average area burned on a typical day. There is about 725 acres of forest scheduled to be burned by the end of March.

Periodic fire tends to favor understory wildlife species, such as deer, dove and quail which require a more open habitat. A mosaic of burned and unburned areas tends to maximize "edge effect" which promotes a large and varied wildlife population.

Habitat preferences of several rare, threatened or endangered species, including the gopher tortoise and indigo snake are also enhanced by burning.

For more information, call 229-639-9946.



Around the Corps

Marines refuel Harriers for rapid takeoffs, landings at Ie Shima



An AV-8B Harrier prepares to land on the field carrier landing strip at Ie Shima training facility in Okinawa, Japan, during bulk refueling training Jan. 16. Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 prepared the landing strip to allow aircraft with Marine Attack Squadron 513 to conduct field carrier landing practice while MWSS-172 refueled the Harriers.

Article and photos by
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IE SHIMA, Okinawa, Japan — As AV-8B Harriers rapidly take off and land, Marines on the ground provide the critical support to keep them in the air, ensuring mission accomplishment no matter the environment.

Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, conducted bulk refueling training with AV-8B Harrier aircraft Jan. 16 at Ie Shima training facility.

“The Marines performed well during the training prior to the start of flight operations,” Capt. Aleah A. Larson, the aviation operations company commander with MWSS-172, said. “We had a lot of new Marines arrive over the past few months, and the training was a good opportunity for the experienced Marines to teach the junior and newer Marines more about their (military occupational specialties).”

Training at Ie Shima allows the squadron to simulate the type of environments it will encounter while supporting flight operations in the Asia-Pacific region.

“It is imperative that we train with the units we are going to support to build a good working relationship and rehearse and develop our procedures,” Larson said.

The squadron performed its refueling training on Harriers with the “Flying Nightmares” of Marine Attack Squadron 513, which currently has aircraft attached to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262, the aviation combat element of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

“The landing strip on Ie Shima is simulating the flight deck of an aircraft carrier, (to help train) the pilots, so they can qualify to land on carriers while deployed to other regions or aboard naval vessels,”

Sgt. John Paul A. Runge, a bulk fuel specialist and fuel team leader with MWSS-172, said.

Prior to refueling the jets, MWSS-172 Marines filter and inspect the aviation fuel to ensure the aircraft are not receiving contaminated or diluted fuel.

A water detector is used at every refueling point, Runge said.

“We want to go above and beyond with the quality of fuel we are providing because the aircraft we are working with are valuable assets,” Runge said.

On top of controlling and adjusting the fuel’s potency, the Marines are sent out on the landing strip to look for foreign objects and debris.

“Essentially, we have to clear the landing strip for any and all objects that can potentially produce static or can get caught in the jets’ engines,” Runge said.

The training evolution is overseen by pilots who are qualified to control landings.

“It is important for us to be able to control the aircraft landing, so we can make sure the Harriers land safely and track trends in the landing and refueling process,” Maj. Andrew P. Diviney, a pilot and landing signal officer with VMA-513, said. “Our pilots only have a 14-day window to perform the landing training or else they will have to perform the entire syllabus again.”

Performing their primary tasks while integrating



Pfc. Colby J. Heavner, bulk fuel specialist, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force, takes a fuel sample during bulk refueling training Jan. 16 at Ie Shima training facility on Okinawa, Japan. The samples are used to test the fuel potency and check for contaminants to ensure the aircraft receive high-quality fuel.

tasks from different elements of the training proves the Marines’ ability to be versatile in any aircraft-landing environment.

“We make the Marine aircraft wing expeditionary,” Larson said. “Our Marines and equipment are able to be deployed to austere locations and operate with minimal additional support.”

The Marines and their capabilities are organic to the wing, allowing the Marine Corps to deploy air assets in support of the ground combat element all the way to the forward edge of the battle area without needing an established logistics base or relying on external agencies to support, according to Larson.

Kilo 3/5 Marines fire weapons at-sea

Article and photos by Cpl. John Robbart III
15th Marine Expeditionary Unit

USS PELELIU – The sharp pops of weapons firing could be heard throughout the ship as the helo-borne rifle company of Battalion Landing Team 3/5, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, conducted a familiarization shoot on the flight deck of the USS Peleliu, Jan. 23.

The shoot allowed more than 100 Marines with Kilo Company to hone the basic skills required of riflemen by providing them an opportunity to fire their weapons without having to leave the ship.

Firing 50 rounds each, the Marines conducted a variety of combat marksmanship drills including shooting while moving and conducting tactical reloads.

The 15th MEU is deployed as part of the Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group as a U.S. Central Command theater reserve force providing support for maritime security operations.



Safety officials observe National Burn Awareness Week

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National Burn Awareness Week is observed Sunday - Feb. 9. This year's focus is on scalding injuries, which occurs when contact with hot liquid or steam damages the skin.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, children ages 4 and younger account for 60 percent of all scald injuries nationwide. The highest risk groups for scalding burns are young children, senior adults and those with disabilities.

Steps to help reduce the risk of scalding injuries in the home include:

- * Ensure the hot water temperature is set no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, at 120 degrees Fahrenheit, it takes approximately five minutes for a scalding injury to occur in a healthy adult. Raising temperatures by 7 degrees decreases the scalding time to one minute. Check the hot water temperature using a cooking thermometer after running hot tap water over it for two minutes. Adjust the hot water thermostat until the temperature reaches 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

- * Create "safe zones" in key areas of the kitchen, such as the stove and sink areas. This can be accomplished by using tape to mark off areas where the opportunity for scalding injuries is increased. Teach small children to stand outside the zone at all times.

In the event of a scalding injury, the Burn Institute suggests the following:

- * Remove the scald victim from the source and remove all clothing, diapers, shoes, etc. that are covering the injured area.

- * Cool the affected area with cool water and cover with a clean, dry covering.

- * Do not apply creams, salves or ointments as they may increase the burning sensation and make it more difficult to treat by medical personnel. Salves and ointments may also contribute to infection at the affected area.

- * When in doubt, call 9-1-1 for medical emergencies or proceed to a medical facility for treatment.

For more information on burn and scald safety, visit the following websites: www.burninstitute.org, www.ameriburn.org, and www.cpsc.gov.

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use of the Social Security numbers protected by the Privacy Act can result in a reprimand to removal on the first offense," he said. "For military members, misuse can result in non-judicial punishment or trial by court-martial, with penalties as severe as a dishonorable discharge."

To reduce or eliminate the unnecessary use of Social Security numbers whenever possible, a DoD policy was put into place in 2008, Duffy said.

The Marine Corps and Department of Navy worked together to create a three-phase plan to further strengthen the protection against the risk of disclosing PII of all Marines, families and Civilian-Marines, he said.

Duffy explained the three phases of the Social Security Number Reduction Plan.

Phases one and two required forms management officials and program managers to ensure the collection of Social Security numbers for all command forms and registered information technology systems, he added.

According to Marine Administrative Message 733/12, phase three explains the acceptable uses for all forms of PII such as Social Security numbers, Duffy said.

Under phase three, in place of Social Security numbers, commands may now use the Electronic Data Interchange Personnel Identifier or DoD ID.

All letters, memoranda, spreadsheets, hard copy lists and electronic lists must meet the acceptable criteria if Social Security numbers are collected.

Disclosure of the last four numbers of a Social Security number to someone without an official reason will be treated as a breach of PII, according to Duffy.

He noted that if someone becomes aware of PII misuse, it should be reported to a command's Privacy Act officer.

MCLB Albany's Privacy Act officer is Duffy, and he can be reached at 229-639-5105.

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using a bow or crossbow aboard the base when hunting deer and other types of game.

Before the season began, hunters qualified with their bows at the Base Archery Range, attended a mandatory safety brief and had their hunting equipment inspected.

The qualification course requires archers to demonstrate they can hit a 3-D deer target at three different distances, which are typically, 20, 30 and 40 yards from an elevated stand.

"The purpose of the course is to test the accuracy and skills of each hunter before they are allowed to hunt," Belanger said. "It also ensures the hunters' equipment is safe and they are proficient with a bow. This greatly increases their ability to harvest an animal as humanely as possible."

For more deer hunting details, call 229-639-5188.

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