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Servicemembers and a local tour guide evacuate a Swiss tourist who collapsed on a volcanic mountain trail near San Juan.

Conference brings enlisted leaders from around the AOR to SOUTHCOM



Raymond Sarracino

SOUTHCOM Senior Enlisted Leader, Marine Sergeant Major Luis Espinal asks a question at the Senior Enlisted Conference being held here this week.

Raymond Sarracino
SOUTHCOM Public Affairs

MIAMI – More than 90 enlisted leaders from around the U.S., Latin America and the Caribbean gathered at U.S.

Southern Command headquarters Monday for the first annual Senior Enlisted Conference.

The gathering is intended to foster communication and partnership among top enlisted leaders in an effort to foster

communication and partnership among non-commissioned officers throughout the region, including encouraging attendance at partner nations' professional development courses.

The event will also serve as a clearinghouse of information to ensure that all participants are aware of programs available to encourage enlisted development and training, particularly the International Military Exchange Training program.

Command Sgt. Maj. Louis Espinal is leading the conference, "This is a great opportunity for us to come together as enlisted leaders and share in wealth of knowledge and our collective experience to improve the quality of our work and the opportunities for those we lead," he said.

The conference runs through Friday.

Sailors and Marines save Swiss hiker in Guatemala

Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffery Tilghman William
High Speed Vessel Swift (HSV 2) Public Affairs

SAN JUAN, Guatemala (NNS) -- Sailors and Marines supporting Southern Partnership Station in South America provided emergency medical assistance to a hiker on Pacaya Volcano, near San Juan, Jan. 30.

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 28 Sailors and 8th Marine Engineering Support Battalion Marines were participating in a hiking tour when they encountered a Swiss tourist who displayed extreme symptoms of heat exhaustion and dehydration, and eventually collapsed.

"It was just an opportunity to help, so we didn't think twice, we just reacted," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Pablo Mer-

cado, who was the first responder.

Mercado performed a level of consciousness assessment, checked his pulse, provided water and Gatorade, and administered electrolyte tablets while the other Sailors constructed a stretcher from their walking sticks, shoestrings and parachute cord from bracelets they were wearing.

"It was just an amazing display of teamwork and creativity by these men," said Lt. Rama Mutyala, NMCB 28 SPS 2011 Detachment officer in charge.

"We just happened to be in the right place at the right time with the right group of trained personnel who were able to provide life-saving assistance to someone in need."

After building the make-shift stretcher, the Sailors and Marines alternated six-man

teams to carry the tourist more than 200 meters down the volcano to a waiting vehicle.

"The road was inaccessible to vehicles, so we had to navigate some pretty tough terrain to carry him down safely," said Mutyala.

The hiker was conscious and responsive when he entered the waiting vehicle to head to the nearest hospital and even offered his thanks to the men who potentially saved his life.

"We just did what anyone in that situation would have done, and did the best we could with what was available," said Mercado. "Hopefully the man will make a full recovery, and we wish him nothing but the best."

COMMANDER'S CALL

Language and Cultural Awareness: A Force Multiplier



This week I had the opportunity to address the Defense Language and Cultural Summit, and I shared with the attendees my perspective on how important language and

cultural training are for U. S. Southern Command.

Foreign language skills and cultural awareness play a vital role in our security cooperation activities within the region. In-

deed, they are key enablers to successfully conducting the security cooperation events which take place every day. When we converse with our foreign partners in their native tongues it shows respect and aides understanding. Strong cultural awareness helps us capture subtleties in our interactions which might otherwise be missed. Language skills allow us to understand our partners' words; cultural awareness allows us to understand their perspectives.

Although we have a strong language program at U. S. Southern Command, with 574 positions coded for linguists, events like last year's earthquake in Haiti remind us we need to broaden our capabilities.

When the earthquake struck, we only had one coded French language speaker on the staff- we recognized the pressing need for Haitian creole speakers. Fortunately we were able to draw on the strength of our Department of Defense, interagency, and non-governmental organization partnerships to bridge the gap.

Learning another language is not just about grammar and syntax. It is also about making the effort to connect, to communicate, and to understand. Making that effort is one of the most powerful tools we have to build true partnerships.

– General Doug Fraser

Detainee dies in Guantanamo *Remains Repatriated by C-17 to Afghanistan*

MIAMI – Joint Task Force-Guantanamo announced Feb. 3rd that a detainee died of apparent natural causes. The detainee is identified as Awal Gul, a 48-year-old Afghan. He arrived at JTF-G in Oct. 2002.

Gul collapsed in the shower after exercising on an elliptical machine. Other detainees in his cell block then assisted Gul to the guard station for medical attention. The guards immediately alerted medical person-

nel, who upon arriving at the cell block found him unresponsive. He was immediately taken to the Camp 6 medical bay, and subsequently transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay. After extensive lifesaving measures had been exhausted, the detainee was pronounced dead.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service then initiated an investigation of the incident to determine the cause of death.

The remains were treated with the utmost respect. A Muslim chaplain assisted the Joint Task Force to ensure that the remains were handled in a culturally sensitive and religiously appropriate manner.

After the autopsy was conducted, Gul's remains were repatriated for burial.

Awal Gul was an admitted Taliban recruiter, associated with Hezb-e-Islami Khalis and operated an al-Qaida guesthouse.



SOUTHCOM emergency numbers are posted on the upper left-hand side of the front of the portal.

Did You Know provided by Ray Sarracino

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New SMA

WASH DC – Secretary of the Army John McHugh and Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. announced that Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond F. Chandler III will become the sergeant major of the Army March 1.

“We have the utmost confidence in Command Sgt. Maj. Chandler and look forward to having him join our leadership team,” said McHugh. “He has the right qualities and credentials to assume this vitally important duty that Sgt. Maj. of the Army Preston has skillfully and adeptly performed for the last seven years.”

Chandler is currently the commandant of the U. S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. He will succeed Kenneth Preston, who has served since January 2004.

“Command Sgt. Maj. Chandler is the right soldier to lead our NCO Corps,” Casey said. “He has demonstrated excellence in every position, and has the depth of experiences required to help us lead our Army.”

Chandler will be sworn into the new position March 1 in a ceremony at the Pentagon.

“Being named the 14th sergeant major of the Army is truly an honor,” Chandler said. “I am humbled, yet excited by the opportunity to serve our soldiers and their families in light of the challenges ahead.”

In June 2009, Chandler became the first enlisted commandant of the U. S. Army Sergeants Major Academy.

In his new position, Chandler will serve as the Army chief of staff’s personal adviser on matters affecting the enlisted force. The role involves extensive travel and focuses on soldier training, noncommissioned officer development and

the well-being of families.

The sergeant major of the Army recommends quality-of-life improvements to Army leadership and often sits on councils that make decisions affecting enlisted soldiers and their families. He also routinely testifies before Congress on these issues.

Preston leaves the position as the longest serving SMA after being selected by previous Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker.

“Many of the great CSMs and SGMs serving around the Army today are a product of CSM Chandler’s leadership and development efforts,” Preston said. “He brings a broad breadth of experience and I have no doubt he will provide the strategic vision and professionalism long associated with this position.”

Dempsey Named Army CoS

Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey has been nominated for appointment to the rank of general and assignment as chief of staff, U.S. Army, Washington, D.C. Dempsey is currently serving as the commanding general, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Va.

Book Titles Sought for “Quiet Zone”

Book donations are being sought for the new Conference Center of the Americas reading room.

The CCA is seeking donations from staff and directorates who may have books relevant to the Southern Command and its area of responsibility for permanent placement in the reading room of the Confer-

ence Center of the Americas.

The Conference Center of the Americas has a Quiet Zone room meant to serve as a place where staff can retreat to read and think.

If you’d like to donate reading material, please contact Lauren Sjoberg in the Office of Strategic Communication, Room 1416, by Friday, March 4.

Security is everyone’s business

Edward Weeks
USAG-Miami Dir, Emergency Services

After 9-1-1, dial ...

The Directorate of Emergency Services control center is experiencing a significant number of 911 hang-ups – How does this happen?

Employees dialing “9” and then “1” to dial a toll-free number will occasionally double-tap the “1”, inadvertently making an emergency call.

All U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Army Garrison-Miami personnel are reminded the significance of this action.

“Mis-dialled 911 calls are happening ten times a week and the Doral Police are becoming concerned,” said Capt. Andres Garcia, Operations Officer. “9-1-1 hang-ups could cost someone his or her life; we highly encourage employees to take extreme caution when conducting local calls.”

Random Checks

DES will be conducting random vehicle inspections at the Southeast employee entrance... employees are reminded that proof of insurance, valid driver’s license, and updated vehicle registration are requirements in order to operate a motor vehicle on the installation. In addition,

privately owned fire arms are prohibited on the installation, only personnel performing law enforcement duty are authorize to carry fire arms on the installation.

Local Teamwork

The local law enforcement community will assist the Garrison DES in conducting random inspection at all access control points. These would include local K-9 units will be conducting routine checks at the ACP’s in conjunction with DES. The combined effort of the local law enforcement community and our DES is strictly to increase our force protection posture on our installation while building a sense of community service and team work amongst the locals and DES. “Security is everyone’s business.” Garcia said.



Commandant rides into sunset

Ray Sarracino
SOUTHCOM Public Affairs

MIAMI – Col. David Hildreth finished a 30-year career in the U.S. Army with a retirement ceremony Jan. 31 at U.S. Southern Command’s new Conference Center of the Americas.

During the ceremony hosted by Brig. Gen. Gerald Ketchum, SOUTHCOM J7, Hildreth received the Legion of Merit and a retirement certificate representing his transition to civilian life.

Hildreth graduated from West Point in 1978 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

His career brought him a variety of assignments, including several in Germany and Iraq, as well as numerous stateside postings. He reported to SOUTHCOM in February 2009 and served in this capacity until his retirement.

The headquarters commandant serves a vital mission by providing a synergistic bridge between Army garrison and SOUTHCOM.

“He has clearly been a friend to the Garrison,” said Audy Snodgrass, garrison manager. “His professionalism was demonstrated daily in his care and concern for the members of SOUTHCOM, the Garrison and their families.”



NEW AND OLD: Col. Clarence Hilton, successor to Col. David Hildreth as SOUTHCOM Commandant, thanks him on his retirement.

Bottom: Col. David Hildreth receives a standing ovation at the Conference Center of the Americas.

All photos by Juan Chiari



Praise From Our Friends and Neighbors For SOUTHCOM Efforts In The Community

The 9th Annual Tribute to the Military Run/Walk was a huge success thanks to you and your efforts.

We had almost 1,000 participants and an equal number of spectators which means we have grown every year since our humble beginnings.

The folks who came to the event had a fantastic time! From the opening warm up which was fabulous and exciting to the appearance of the **SOUTHCOM Color Guard** and the Singing Miamians rendition of the Pledge to the Flag and the Anthem.

To the welcoming comments by Miami Dade County Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz, to the actual Run/Walk itself, followed by the “after the run party” with free hot fresh bagels from Bagel Empori-

um U/M Coral Gables, and fresh bananas from Chiquita Fresh, and hot coffee from Rowland Coffee (Bustelo), to the fantastic give-aways from the US Army Recruiting Battalion (water bottles, notebooks, pens, plastic bags, etc.), and those donated by the Association of US Army (pencil sharpeners, bottle/can openers, coasters, etc.), to the minis from Bacardi USA to all adults, and the free keg of beer that got totally finished before 10 AM, to helium balloons and bounce house for the kids.

To **Southern Sounds from SOUTHCOM, great music**, great media coverage by WVET and huge, very helpful SUV loaned to us by Royal Car Rental, and the whole package including the artwork for the applications and t shirts on line and otherwise, to the calling of the winners

by Laurie from Team Footworks, and just EVERYTHING! It was fabulous and next year with your help it will be even bigger and better!

The final tally hasn’t been made yet but if we make a profit, all proceeds go to helping organizations similar to those we have supported in the past such as Armed Forces Service Center at MIA, Operation Brave Kids, Wounded Warriors, Fisher Houses, Fort Hood Disaster Relief funds, and many many similar military folks in need.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

Robert E. Pickard, MD
Medical Director
Hearing Research
Institute, Inc.

If You Missed It, You Missed Out!

Garrison Services On Display At Open House

DORAL, Fla. – U.S. Army Garrison-Miami threw a party for over 400 of its best friends and neighbors Jan. 29th, filled with two-story inflatable slides, snakes, parrots, food and valuable information.

The event was designed to introduce families and servicemembers to the wide variety of things that the Garrison can do for them.

Kicking things off in the new gym facility was SOUTHCOM Lt. Gen. Ken Keen, who represented the Garrison’s customer base during the signing of the Employee and Customer Covenant.

He was joined by Garrison Manager, Audy Snodgrass and the directors in expressing their appreciation for the employees who provide services to the SOUTHCOM military family and their customers.

USAG-Miami offices conducted tours of the facility, displayed informational videos and took family photos. They were joined by organizations and businesses from the greater Miami community who not only offer military members and their families discounts, but are essential parts of the support structure.

The first Employee and Customer Covenant was signed by Major General Reuben Jones and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation senior leaders at the FMWR Symposium in Louisville, KY on Jan. 25, 2010. Follow-on signing events are taking



Lt. Gen. Ken Keen, Deputy Military Commander, USSOUTHCOM, members of the U.S. Army Garrison staff, and a bronze friend celebrate the signing of the Employee and Customer Covenant Jan. 29th.

place at every garrison to reinforce Family and MWR’s commitment to the employees and customers we serve every day.

This covenant embodies a promise of excellence to both employees and customers.

We are committed to providing quality through service excellence to our Soldiers and Families commensurate with the quality of their service to our Nation.

Customer Covenant

We understand that we create value for our customers through predictable, consistent, efficient and customer focused service.

To that end, we promise our customers they will:

Always be respected and treated as individuals who are valued; Receive a prompt and friendly greeting in a professional and

courteous manner; Experience aesthetically-pleasing facilities; Receive timely, accurate and helpful information; Be offered high quality products and services; and Have an opportunity to provide feedback

Employee Covenant

Taking care of our customers begins with taking care of you, our employees.

We are committed to providing a strong, supportive environment where you can thrive.

To that end, we promise to position you for success with: A robust orientation to welcome you to the Family and MWR team; Clear performance standards for service excellence; Formal and informal training to develop your skills; Performance support tools to assist you on the job; A holistic program of recognition and incentives to reward excellent service; and career development opportunities to reach your full potential.



Above and Right: Open House visitors enjoy animal experiences provided by Jungle Island, a local Miami attraction. Photos by Helen Colby



Far Right: A two-story inflatable slide was just one of the amazing things to do at the Garrison Open House. The slide was put up and taken down in the space of one day.



Arthur McQueen

U.S., Colombian Marines conduct Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Exchange



Mass Communication Specialist 3rd class Lauren G. Randall

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Rubin D. Gomez, from Security Cooperation Task Force (SCTF) translates and demonstrates how to throw the SCTF's tactical unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), the Raven, to a Colombian marine during a subject matter expert exchange in Covenas. The A-SPS concept is dedicated to the continuous effort towards regional service partnerships and improving each country's capabilities.

Petty Officer 3rd Class

Lauren G. Randall

Southern Partnership Station — 2011

COVENAS SUCRE, Colombia — U.S. Marines from a Security Cooperation Task Force (SCTF) held a tactical unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) subject matter expert exchange (SMEE) with Colombian marines from Colombian counter intelligence aboard the Colombian Marine Infantry Training Base, Feb. 2.

The SCTF is embarked aboard USS Gunston Hall (LSD 44) in support of Amphibious Southern Partnership Station 2011 (A-SPS 11) in the U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) area of responsibility to strengthen ties with partner nations.

The A-SPS concept is dedicated to building relationships, interoperability, and improving each participating country's capabilities.

The exchange consisted of an overview of the Raven RQ11 system's capability, basic information about the Raven, and a hands-on flight demonstration.

The Raven is a mobile, lightweight but tough, user-friendly observation information system. It takes ten minutes to setup, weighs approximately 4.2 lbs, and has a wingspan of 51 inches.

"The Raven is meant for smaller units, and is typically used for reconnaissance missions," said U.S. Marine Cpl. Christopher J. Maharg, Raven subject matter expert. "It is a great tool because it shoots 'live-view' video."

The Raven can remain in flight for approximately 80 minutes, and collects live-feed video data in both color and infrared. It can collect color video looking forward and to the side, while infrared is strictly forward.

"This was a great demonstration," said

Capt. Brian C. Nickerson, A-SPS 11 mission commander. "It was impressive watching our young Marines operate this system and speak with confidence and authority on the Raven's capabilities. It was also interesting to hear our Colombian partner's share their description of a similar battlefield capability."

A-SPS 11 is a United States Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM)-directed operation implemented by Commander, United States Naval Forces Southern Command (COMUSNAVSO), supported by United States Marine Corps Forces, South (MARFORSOUTH); and carried out by Commander, Destroyer Squadron Four Zero (CDS40); USS Gunston Hall (LSD 44) and a Marine Corps Security Cooperation Task Force.

For more information on Commander, U.S. Marines Corps Forces, South, visit www.marines.mil/unit/marforsouth.

AROUND THE AMERICAS



Spec. Jason Edwards, U.S. Southern Command

TOP: Garrison Manager Audy Snodgrass, left, Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart and Lt. Gen. Ken Keen discuss activities at the Child Development Center at U.S. Southern Command headquarters in Miami Tuesday, Feb. 1. The Center is scheduled to open March 28.

MIDDLE: AMAZON RIVER, Peru – Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) the Honorable Ray Mabus, right, listens to Vice Adm. Carlos Tejada, Peruvian navy commander of the Amazon region of Peru, explain policing operations against drug trafficking along the Amazon River.



Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Kevin S. O'Brien

BOTTOM: U.S. Marines and Colombian marines play soccer during a barbeque, celebrating the completion of subject matter exchanges of maritime mission-focused knowledge for Amphibious Southern Partnership Station 2011 (A-SPS 11). The SPS concept is designed to strengthen cooperative partnerships in support of the U.S. Maritime Strategy and will focus on the Caribbean Basin and Central and South America.



Private 1st Class Lorraine S. Mendoza

Fraser Honors Efforts in Haiti



FORT SAM HOUSTON, Texas – Air Force Gen. Douglas M. Fraser, commander, U.S. Southern Command, presented the Joint Meritorious Unit Award to members of U.S. Army South, for their service as part of Joint Task Force – Haiti, in support of Operation Unified Response.

“The work that Army South does day in and day out with our partner nations in the region had a significant impact on how all of the agencies cooperated to provide relief and assistance to the people of Haiti,” said Fraser. “Every person who took part in the operation should take personal pride in what they were able to accomplish.”

Gen. Fraser presented the Armed Forces Service Medal and Armed Forces Civilian Service Medal to those who participated in Operation Unified Response.

Maj. Brian Pedersen, Sgt. William Valentine, Spc. Pedro Ayala, and Mr. Manuel Ochoa represented the members of Army South when the awards were presented.






MARLINS VISIT U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND

11:45 A.M., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

- **Player Autograph Session!**
- **Refreshments and Snacks Will Be Provided**
 - **Bounce Houses For The Kids!** ▪ **Music**
- **Scheduled to appear*- Logan Morrison, Mike Stanton, Gaby Sanchez, Hanley Ramirez, Jeff Conine and More!**
- **National Anthem Performance**
- **Billy The Marlin Will Make A Special Appearance!**
- **Marlins Mermaids will also be there!**
- **See Marlins players and USCC personnel play in a 3-inning wiffle ball game!**





*Players Subject to change



AAFES UNDER CONSTRUCTION: DORAL, Fla – Progress continues on the Army and Air Force Exchange Service facility at the U.S. Southern Command Headquarters Complex here. Projected completion of construction is in August with opening scheduled for early October. The facility will feature three food vendors with indoor seating, a larger shoppette, restrooms, a barbershop and dry cleaning services.

After Hours: Family & Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities and events

FMWR announcements may be found on the portal under "Command Announcements."

For more information please call the ITR Office 305-437-1595 or 305-437-2400

■ **WGC-Cadillac Championship** scheduled for March 8-13 at the TPC Blue Monster at Doral.

All active duty, retired, and reserve military, along with their dependents, receive free admission. They must download a free ticket in advance by visiting birdies-forthebrave.com and clicking on tickets.

Veterans may purchase discounted tickets (\$15) by visiting the Miami VA Hospital. They can also buy them at the Volunteer Services Center or the Spinal Cord Therapy Unit. Questions about Veterans tickets should be directed to Bill Bray at the Miami VA at 305-324-4455 x3619.

For more information: http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/qzdzaw?CAMEFROM=CFC_PGATOUR_DOR_MILPROMO

All military and veterans are invited into the Birdies for the Brave Patriots' Outpost located on the 17th green. A complimentary hospitality chalet with free food and beverage. Military Appreciation ceremony scheduled for 10 a.m. Thurs., March 10 on the 1st tee of the TPC Blue Monster.

■ **HOMESTEAD SPEEDWAY** is looking for volunteers to support the upcoming Grand Prix of Miami scheduled March 3-5. Volunteers will be Tram Drivers and Tram Riders (Tram riders will be assisting Tram drivers) to transport individuals to and from the Speedway infield.

Funds raised by this event will go to the SOUTHCOM Booster Club

To volunteer, submit your name and contact information by Feb. 17 to Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Sterling at 305-437-1611.

■ **SPANISH CLASSES**

The Family Services Center, Relocation Program will be offering an intensive Spanish class taught by Atlantis University. The focus of the class is SPEECH and COMMUNICATION. Our goal is for students to be able to communicate in practical Spanish. This is a 48-hour course, beginning March 15 and runs through May 31. Class meets three times a week from 9 – 11 a.m. The curriculum is specifically designed to fit the needs and requirements of our civilian, military and family members. The class uses a hands-on approach teaching methodology that is fun and enjoyable. For more information and registration, call Roxanna Acosta at 305-437-1958, or email roxanna.acosta@hq.southcom.mil.

■ **Florida Grand Opera presents -- DON GIOVANNI**

Sat., April 30 at 8 p.m.
Considered by many to be the most perfect opera ever written, Mozart's Don Giovanni continues to thrill audiences today as it did at its premiere in 1787! Adrienne Arshnt Center, right tier 3 seats \$40.

■ **WICKED**

Sun., April 10th at 7:30 p.m.
Back by popular demand! Entertainment Weekly calls WICKED the best musical of the decade. Winner of 35 major awards, including

a Grammy and three Tony Awards, WICKED is Broadway's biggest Blockbuster and a cultural phenomenon. Broward Center for the Performing Arts. Mezzanine Seats – \$70.

■ **WEST SIDE STORY**

More than 50-years ago one musical changed theater forever. Now, it's back on Broadway mesmerizing audiences once again From the first note to the final breath. West Side Story soars as the greatest love story of all time. Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Sun. Feb., 27, 2 p.m. Mezzanine seats – \$36.

■ **JERSEY BOYS**

The musical about rock-and-roll hall-of-famers The Four Seasons. This is the astounding story of how four blue collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history.

Adrienne Arshnt Center, Sun. March 20, 2 p.m. Tier 4 left seats, \$66 (Rows A, B, C).

■ **FLORIDA MARLINS OPENING NIGHT**

Join the Florida Marlins in their season opener as they play The New York Mets at Sun Life Stadium. Fri., April 1, 7 p.m. Bullpen box seats: \$28.

■ **INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE** starts Saturday,

Feb. 12, 1 p.m. Teams of 5-to-8 players. Family and MWR will provide, t-shirts, refs, and trophies. Games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays, Two games per day. Games will consist of 4, 15 minute quarters. The number of games depends on the number of teams. Must wear indoor soccer shoes and chin guards. Team captains please contact: Jill Hauser, 305-437-1682 or Mr. Franklyn, ext. 1373.

■ **Functional Fitness Class**, 6-7 a.m., 1

1:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., and 3-5 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., For more information, call Frank Same at ext. 1152.

■ **Join the Family and MWR Indoor Walking Group.**

Meets every Mon., Wed. and Fri., at 11:30 a.m. on the indoor track. To join, contact Angie Williams, at ext. 0123.

■ **Join Family and MWR on a bus trip to UNIVERSAL STUDIOS ORLANDO,**

Adults: \$85, Children: \$75. Deadline to sign up is Wed., Feb. 9, 4 p.m. Sign up at the ITR Office, Installation Services Building, 305-437-1595.

■ **WEST POINT SOCIETY OF SOUTH FLORIDA "2011 FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION"**

Fri., April 1, Cadet Candidate Reception 6 p.m., Benny Havens Cocktail Hour at 6:30 p.m., Dinner & Program 7:30 p.m. La Gorce Country Club, 5685 Alton Road, Miami Beach, FL 33140 305-866-4421, www.lagorcecc.com. Guest Speaker, Brigadier General Timothy Trainor '83, Dean of the Academic Board. Dress: Black tie optional, Dress blues or equivalent for military personnel. Cocktail Attire for Ladies, Please RSVP BY March 25. West Point Society of South Florida, 305-781-0340.

■ **DISNEY ON ICE – LET'S CELEBRATE,**

Bank Atlantic Center, Thurs., March 24, 7:30 p.m. Opening night, Fri., March 25, 7 p.m., Sat.,

March 26, 11 a.m., 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Sun., March 27, 1 p.m. & 5 p.m. Opening night: \$21, regular tickets: \$26, rows 18 & up, \$31, rows 9-16. Seats in the Lower Level, For more information call the ITR office, 305-437-1595, or 305-437-2400.

■ **Naval Air Station Key West –** The MWR Activities sheet is online at <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/keywest>.

■ **NEW MIAMI HEAT TICKETS!**

Feb. 8 – Indiana Pacers
Feb. 27 – New York

March 3 – Orlando Magic

March 6 – Chicago Bulls

March 14 – San Antonio Spurs

March 19 – Denver Nuggets

April 06 – Milwaukee Bucks

300 Level Seats, \$50 – \$70, limited tickets available!

For more information call the ITR office at 305-437-1595, 305-437-2400.

■ **CORAL GABLES,** 265 Aragon

Ave., Florida. 305-442-4408. Sun-Thur: 9 a.m. – 11p.m., Fri.-Sat.: 9 a.m.-midnight.

■ **Free James Blunt concert in Palm Beach Gardens** Jan. 29, 7 p.m. – http://weblogs.sun-sentinel.com/entertainment/thingstodo/2011/01/free_james_blunt_concert_in_pa.html.

■ **Fresh produce buying clubs** – <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/01/13/2008957/buying-clubs-of-fresh-produce.html>.

■ **Keys Gate Farmers Market** – <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/01/09/2009004/construction-firm-starts-farmers.html>.

■ **Get 80 percent off at more than 300 South Florida restaurants** http://blogs.trb.com/features/consumer/shopping/blog/2011/01/get_80_percent_off_at_300_sout.html.

■ **Mixed Martial Arts Strength & Conditioning Workout Class Schedule** Mon., Wed. and Thurs., 6-7 a.m., noon-1 p.m. To sign up contact Frank Same ext. 1152. Participants must bring water and arrive on time. Prerequisite: Must have attended CrossFit Training.

■ **New dog park opens at Tropical Park** – www.miamiherald.com/news/miami-dade/communities/story/1161795.html

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Spc. Joshua T. Lancaster, 22, of Millbrook, Ala., died Jan. 19, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked the Kandahar airfield with indirect fire. He was assigned to the 184th Ord. Bn., 52nd Ord. Grp, Fort Campbell, Ky. He was assigned to the 256th Cmbt. Support Hosp., Twinsburg, Ohio.

Petty Officer Dominique Cruz, 26, of Panama City, Fla., was found during search and rescue operations Jan. 19 in the Gulf of Oman after being reported missing Jan. 18. Cruz was assigned as an Operations Specialist to the USS Halsey homeported in San Diego, Calif. Halsey is currently deployed to the Fifth Fleet area of responsibility conducting maritime security operations.

Sgt. Jason G. Amores, 29, of Lehigh Acres, Fla., died Jan. 20 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 3rd Bn., 5th Marine Regt., 1st Marine Div., I MEF, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Pfc. Amy R. Sinkler, 23, of Chadbourn, N.C., died Jan. 20 in Baghlan province, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked her unit with a RPG. She was assigned to the 17th Cmbt. Sust. Support Bn., 3rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Tech. Sgt. Leslie D. Williams, 36, of Juneau, Alaska, died Jan. 25 due to a non-combat related incident at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 4th Maintenance Group, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

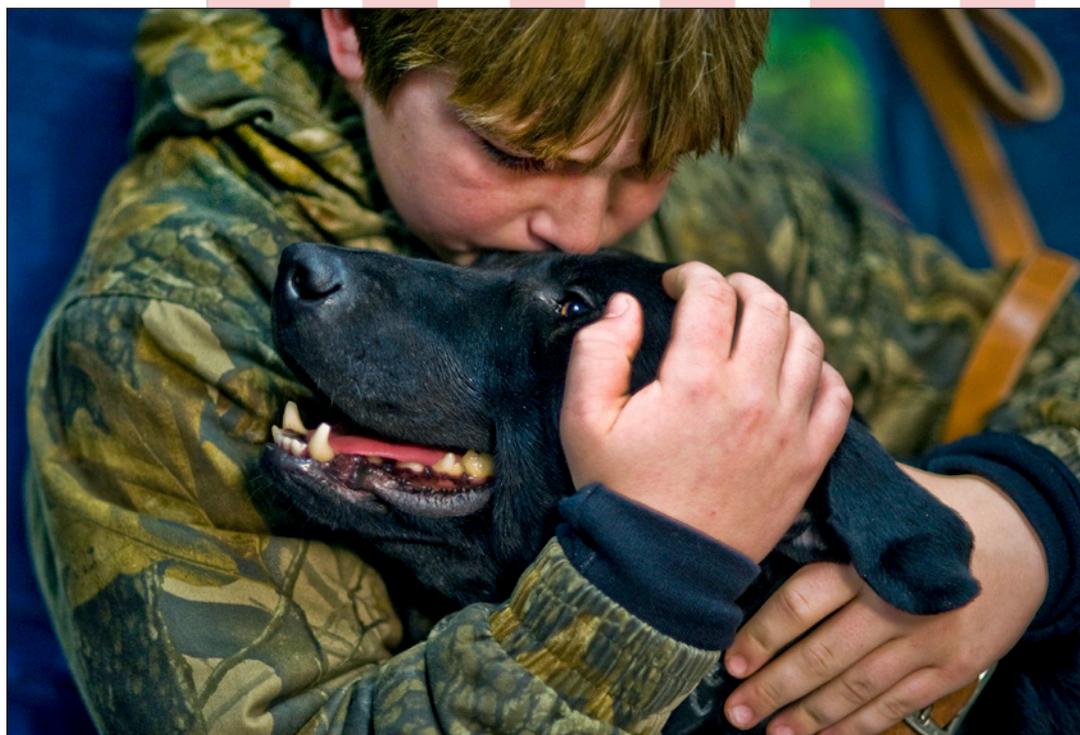
Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William, Va., died Jan. 28 in Parwan province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained in a non-combat incident. He was assigned to the 2nd Bn., 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

Spc. Joshua R. Campbell, 22, of Bennett, Colo.; and **Spc. Shawn A. Muhr**, 26, of Coon Rapids, Iowa died Jan. 29 in Helmand province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their unit with an IED. They were assigned to the 264th Cmbt. Sust. Support Bn., 82nd Sust. Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Spc. Omar Soltero, 28, of San Antonio, Texas, died Jan. 31 in Wardak province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using an IED. He was assigned to the 2nd Bn., 4th Inf. Regt., 4th BCT, 10th Mountain Div., Fort Polk, La.

Cpl. Lucas T. Pyeatt, 24, of West Chester, Ohio, died Feb. 5 while conducting combat operations in Helmand, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 2nd Radio Bn., II MEF HQ Grp, II MEF, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Lance Cpl. Aaron M. Swanson, 21, of Jamestown, N.Y., died Feb. 7 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 3rd Bn., 25th Marine Regt., 4th Marine Div., Marine Forces Reserve, Buffalo, N.Y.



LACKLAND AFB, Texas – Brady Rusk, 12, hugs Eli, a former military working dog, at the Labrador retriever's retirement and adoption ceremony Feb. 3rd. Eli was in Afghanistan assigned to Brady's brother, U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Colton Rusk, who was killed Dec. 5, 2010. The former bomb-sniffing dog will live out his days with Rusk's family in Orange Grove, Texas.