



# MAG-41 NEWS

## JULY 2004



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### Colonel Hawkins Message

Hello MAG-41 Family

It is good to be back in the USA to enjoy Fort Worth, MAG-41 and America. I have nothing but great news about how well your Marines and Sailors are doing. VMFA-112 is setting records for 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing in maintenance, flight hours, new weapons carriage, and deployment status. VMGR-234 has done it again, with a terrific deployment to Africa and Iraq for the Global War on terrorism (GWOT), and Denmark for a training exercise. MALS-41 continues to support deployments all over the world (Afghanistan, Iraq, Denmark, Italy, Africa, San Diego). Additionally, they just impressed some pretty skeptical and very senior Admirals during a recent visit to our base. MALS-41 showed the "visitors" that they not only do it better than most, but with less people and smaller spaces. Truly outstanding! Last and certainly not least is the MAG Headquarters that supports all the mobilizations, deployments, and demobilizations while deploying our own Marines to the

GWOT as well. I could not be more impressed with your work, dedication, and willing sacrifices. I can directly attribute all the great things that MAG-41 is doing to a great family team that supports us as well. Our families are extraordinary citizens, absolutely devoted individuals, and great Americans. Congratulations to you all, and thank you from a proud country, a grateful Corps, and me personally. I want to wish you all a great Fourth of July. And please let me urge you to celebrate our country's birth, our ideals and values, and how lucky we are to be here in the United States. Having recently returned from Iraq know that I do not need to remind you of all the Americans there serving honorably in your name. They deserve your thoughts and prayers. As I left Iraq to return to Fort Worth, many of the Marines that I served with ask me to pass on to all one wish: "make the most of your freedoms and liberties – have fun, we are counting on you **not** to take what you have for granted." I can't think of better words.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Fourth of July celebration here on base (July 3<sup>rd</sup>) and meeting and greeting everyone at our family day on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Look further inside for details.

Semper Fidelis, Hawkins

#### Special points of interest:

- ♦ **Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey circus**
- ♦ *4th of July celebration*
- ♦ **Family Day July 17th**
- ♦ *Marine Spouses Club*
- ♦ *Newsletter is available on MAG-41 website- <http://www.mfr.usmc.mil/4thmaw/mag41>*
- ♦ **MSSC ONESOURCE** 1-800-433-6868 or visit their website at: [www.mccsonesource.com](http://www.mccsonesource.com) (user id: marines password: semper fi)

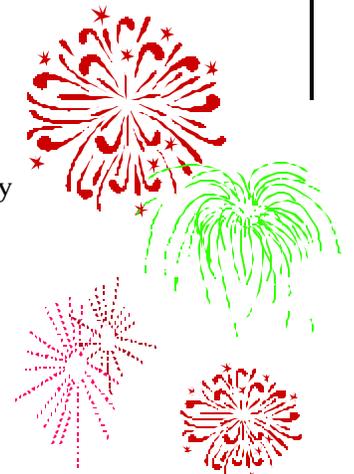
### July 4th Fireworks

Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base and the MWR Department are planning their Eighth Annual Fireworks Display on Sat. July 3rd.

Games, Concessions & Children's activities begin at 5:00. Music will be provided by SSgt Rusty Baker (one of the MAG's very own!) Activities will be held at the running track/football field area which is adjacent to the picnic pavilions. Beverage, food and novelty items will be available for purchase.

ADMISSION IS FREE. Coolers and Picnics are permitted

**NO PETS. NO PERSONAL FIREWOKS**



A note from Elizabeth Hawkins  
Key Volunteer Advisor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA! July is our nation's time to reflect and celebrate America's Independence. It also a time for us to remember that many of our Military personnel are still fighting for our freedom and are also fighting for freedom of other nations. Please keep the deployed Marines/Sailors and their families in your thoughts as you celebrate!

MAG-41 is once again making History! This is the first time that ALL of the Units within the MAG have some or all of their personnel deployed. With that said, Family Readiness is more important than ever. The KEY VOLUNTEERS help sustain and improve MAG-41's Family Readiness program. I want to once again Thank all of the Key Volunteers for dedicating their time and energy to this program. More Key Volunteers are always needed, if you would like more information on volunteering your time to help with Marine families, please contact me at hawkinsel.ctr@mfr.usmc.mil or you can contact Elena Leal, Key Volunteer Coordinator at leale.ctr@mfr.usmc.mil

I hope to see all of you at the Base Fireworks display or at the next Spouses meeting!

Semper Gumby (always flexible)  
Elizabeth

## The Story of Independence Day and America's Birthday

Independence Day is the national holiday of the United States of America commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

At the time of the signing the US consisted of 13 colonies under the rule of England's King George III. There was growing unrest in the colonies concerning the taxes that had to be paid to England. This was commonly referred to as "Taxation without Representation" as the colonists did not have any 9 form the First Continental Congress. The delegates were unhappy with England, but were not yet ready to declare war.

In April 1775 as the King's troops advanced on Concord Massachusetts Paul Revere would sound the alarm that "The British are coming, the British are coming" as he rode his horse through the late night streets. The battle of Concord and its "shot heard round the world" would mark the unofficial beginning of the colonies war for Independence.

The following May the colonies again sent delegates to the Second Continental Congress. For almost a year the congress tried to work out its differences with England, again without formally declaring war.

By June 1776 their efforts had become hopeless and a committee was formed to compose a formal declaration of independence. Headed by Thomas Jefferson, the committee included John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Philip Livingston and Roger Sherman. Thomas Jefferson was chosen to write the first draft which was presented to the congress on June 28. After various changes a vote was taken late in the afternoon of July 4th. Of the 13 colonies, 9 voted in favor of the Declaration, 2 - Pennsylvania and South Carolina voted No, Delaware undecided and New York abstained.

To make it official, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock signed his name "with a great flourish" so "King George can read that without spectacles!."

The following day copies of the Declaration were distributed. The first newspaper to print the Declaration was the Pennsylvania Evening Post on July 6, 1776. On July 8th the Declaration had its first public reading in Philadelphia's Independence Square. Twice that day the Declaration was read to cheering crowds and pealing church bells. Even the bell in Independence Hall was rung. The "Province Bell" would later be renamed "Liberty Bell" after its inscription -

*Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants Thereof*

And although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the 4th of July has been accepted as the official anniversary of United States independence. The first Independence Day celebration took place the following year - July 4 1777. By the early 1800s the traditions of parades, picnics, and fireworks were established as the way to celebrate America's birthday. And although fireworks have been banned in most places because of their danger, most towns and cities usually have big firework displays for all to see and enjoy.

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## PROMOTIONS

CONGRATULATIONS to CPL ANTHONY WHITE for his Meritorious Promotion to CPL. Thank you for your service, we are all very proud of you!



## JUNE AWARDS

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**  
was awarded to the following Marines:  
Sgt Cole, Cpl Hernandez, GySgt Enriquez, Sgt Houston, GySgt Mayes, Maj Courtaway and Maj Nollette

## Now Playing at the Theatre on Base.....

Ticket prices: Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.00

JULY 1

**13 Going on 30** (last)- PG-13- 6:00  
**Van Helsing**- PG-13 - 8:30

JULY 2

**Breaking All the Rules**- PG-13- 6:00  
**Man on Fire**- R - 8:30

JULY 3 & 4

**CLOSED DUE TO 4TH of JULY Celebration**

JULY 8

**Mean Girls** (last)- PG-13- 6:00  
**Troy**- R- 8:00

JULY 9

**Raising Helen**- PG-13 6:00  
**Van Helsing**- PG-13 - 8:30

JULY 10

**New York Minute** PG 2:00  
**Breaking All the Rules**- PG-13- 4:30  
**The Day After Tomorrow** PG-13 7:00

*The rest of the movie schedule is not available at this time. Please call the base theatre for showings*

For additional info call 782-6037



## Get Ready for the Greatest Show On Earth: Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey

Fort Worth welcomes the 133rd edition of the famous circus, August 11th-15th at the Fort Worth Convention Center. The circus will be in Dallas at the American Airlines Center, July 28th-August 8th.

Tickets will be available at the Ticket Corral, ITT (Bldg. 1815) from June 25th through August 1st. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase advanced priority seating.



## Chaplain's Corner

### SPIRITUAL READINESS

Have you ever been wounded, physically, emotionally, or spiritually? If so, you are not alone. Most, if not all of us have been. The question is, "What do we do about it?" We can put the time and energy into asking "Why?" or we can rest in God's promise that he will not leave us comfortless (John 14:18) The following anonymous story entitled *FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND* has been around for a number of years. It is a good reminder that the lord will not walk away from us.

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- There once was a man who had tried to live a life faithful to God but it was a life marked with hardship. One night he had a dream.
- He was with God looking back on his life – both good and bad times -- which was portrayed as footprints along a sandy beach.
- He noticed that during the good times there were two sets of footprints, his and the Lord's. The man then noticed that at those
- times in his life when it had really been rough there was only one set of footprints. The man turned to the Lord and said, "Lord, I don't understand. You promised to be with me always -- and yet
- when I look back now I see that during those really tough times -- there was only one set of footprints. Lord, why did you leave me then?" The Lord looked at him, smiled and said, "Leave you, I didn't leave you at all. Dear friend, if you'll look carefully at those single sets of footprints you'll notice they're a little deeper than the others. Those were the times when I was carrying you.

We may feel alone, forgotten, and rejected, but we are not. In times of loss, our God picks us up and holds us close.

Chaplain Neal Moquin  
MAG 41



### MAG-41 FAMILY DAY

Join MAG-41 at our FAMILY DAY where you can make a "splash" at the base pool. This fun event is on Saturday July 17th from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm.

Please bring a picnic lunch (including non-alcoholic drink) for your family, and a dessert to share with all of the families.

In addition to swimming the kids will also enjoy other fun games we have planned.



Fitness Center: Bldg. 1810  
Hulk Drive

Classes available:  
STEP AEROBICS, PILATES  
PROGRAM, YOGA-FIT. Call  
817-782-7770 for times and  
more info.

KEMPO KARATE Classes also  
available for both children and  
adults on Wednesday and  
Friday. Call for cost of class.

**MAG-41 Mission Statement**  
MAG-41 will train, man, equip, and sustain an expeditionary aviation combat element, CFACC element, an aviation logistics squadron, a fighter-attack squadron, and an aerial refueler/assault support squadron in order to deploy/employ as a MAG/ACE, a special purpose MAGTF, or any combination of capabilities ISO MAGTF or Combined/Joint Warfare.



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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
at the Base Chapel  
August 2-August 7 from 4:30—8:00  
You can pre-register by calling 817-782-5665 OR  
register at the door.  
Volunteers are still need to help, if you are inter-  
ested please call 817-782-5665

**NAS/JRB FORT WORTH  
MARINE SPOUSES CLUB**

The MARINE SPOUSES CLUB is open to all Marines Spouses in the Ft Worth Area. The main purpose of this "club" is to have an outlet to meet other Marine spouses and have people to socialize with. We will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month, locations will vary. \*\*For those Marines that are not married, your significant other or your parents are welcome to join any of the meetings.

Dues will be \$10.00 per year. We will have the opportunity to do different fundraisers during the year to earn money that we can donate to a variety of charities or can be donated to different units in the MAG for Key Volunteer events.

Our next meeting will be on July 13th at FRESH CHOICE 3010 So Hulen St. (817) 738-9878. This is located in the Trinity Commons Shopping Center.

To RSVP for our July meeting or for more information please email CINDY OLBRICH, President MSC at olbrichc@sbcglobal.net.

**Lake Worth Boat License Available**

For the convenience of our JRB boat and watercraft owners, the Auto Hobby Shop has licenses available for purchase. The use of Lake Worth requires a special license for all boats and personal watercraft with motors. This license is in addition to regular stat requirements. The cost varies depending on the size and length of the craft and motor. Failure to license your craft will result in a fine by the Lake Worth authorities.

\*\* For boat slip rental information contact the Ticket Corral locate in Tex\*Plex (bldg. 1815). At time of rental, members (active duty, reservists and retired) must have proof of insurance, stat registration, and ID cards.