



# MAG-41 NEWS

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### Colonel Hawkins Message

Hello MAG-41 Families,  
I come to this letter bearing sad news of another fallen Marine. First it was LtCol (Sel) Bekken, and now MALS-41 has lost Captain Jeffery L. Ross. Jeff was lost in a FA-18 accident while riding in the backseat of a two seat version on what we call an incentive ride. In this case, Jeff was deployed to Portland Oregon with VMFA-134. This flight was to familiarize Jeff on the plane that he worked so hard to maintain. Since he was attached to MAG-46, our sister MAG, they will be handling the Memorial Services in accordance with the family's wishes. Jeff mobilized in March of 2004 and deployed forward to MCAS Miramar in order to fill the billet of VMFA-134 Maintenance Control Officer. Once again we salute the sacrifice and service of one of America's sons, send our condolences to his loved ones and steel our commitment to his memory.

God's Speed Marine!

As we mobilize another group of MAG-41 Marines to serve in Iraq, I cannot tell you how proud I am of all of your service – families and Marines. Our country needs Marines and you are answering that call with your sacrifice and selfless contribution to this nation. Thank you.

To explain how big a role MAG-41 is playing, Marines from MAG-41 were in key leadership roles at four of the five USMC bases in Iraq. In effect MAG-41 was leading the USMC effort from strategic positioning and a key billet perspective. You have every reason to be extra proud.

Here are some interesting facts about your MAG. VMFA-112 is doing great in the Western Pacific, and by this publication date will be on the move to the south for great duty in Guam and Australia. Last report, 112 had dropped 350,000 lbs of ordinance. Also, MAG-41 has the largest 4<sup>th</sup> MAW Headquarters Group presence in Iraq. VMGR-234 just returned from Denmark and still has airplanes and people in Iraq doing the expected standard of exceptional work. The Mighty Wranglers from MALS are all over the world supporting Marines in Afghanistan, Iraq, Italy, Japan, and soon Australia. Superb!

On a Family Readiness note, thank you to all the pool party swimmers, planners and workers that made our MAG-41 Family such a tremendous success. I have heard nothing but incredible comments, seen smiles, and heard stories of happy children. SSgt Baker was the star of the show. If you were unable to attend, you missed almost three hours of

constant laughter, child pool Olympics, and some great food. See you there next time. For those of you waiting anxiously for the return of a loved one, the time is coming very near. Be alert for information on the return briefs in this letter. It is absolutely critical that you attend so that you may properly prepare for your loved one's return. Your loved one has been to a combat zone and there are several keys to a successful "transition" back home to you and your family.

Thank you all again for your service and remember the newly mobilized Marines and their families as they too face the challenges of this deployment, and National time of war. They are leaving so your Marines can come home. Relief in place ... it is the Marine Corps way.

Semper Fidelis, Hawkins

### POST RE-UNION BRIEF

MAG-41 will be hosting a Post Re-Union brief at the Base theater on SATURDAY AUGUST 21, 2004 from 10:00 am–11:30 am. This Post Re-Union brief will help clarify the different transition stages of family when their love one returns home from a deployment. This is a very IMPORTANT meeting and I encourage all of you who have a family member deployed to be at this brief! If you have any additional questions please call the MAG family readiness office at 817-782-7504.

#### Special points of interest:

- ♦ **Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey circus**
- ♦ **COOKBOOK RECIPES NEEDED**
- ♦ **Post re-union brief**
- ♦ *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)

## A note from Elizabeth Hawkins

Key Volunteer Advisor

Hello Families,

I hope you are all finding ways to "beat the heat"! I know many of you did just that at the FAMILY DAY POOL PARTY! What a great time it was getting together - sharing desserts and having some fun in the sun. The kids truly enjoyed the Olympic games while SSGT Baker once again out did himself with his "Mr. Microphone" skills and music.

Some other ideas to help you stay out of the heat- visit the base library for their summer reading programs. To find out what is coming up on their schedule call the **BASE LIBRARY 817-782-7735**.

School will be starting for many kids August 16th-so take advantage of your free time together. You may want to take the family to the Ringling Bros. & Barnum and Bailey CIRCUS- which is in town from August 11-15. Discounted tickets are available at the Bowling Alley on the Base.

Key Volunteers are needed, if you would like more information on volunteering your time to help with Marine families, please contact Elena Leal, Key Volunteer Coordinator at leale.ctr@mfr.usmc.mil

Enjoy the rest of your summer!  
Semper Gumby (always flexible)  
Elizabeth

## WORDS FROM THE SERGEANT MAJOR

As my family and I enjoyed our first 4th of July weekend in Texas, my thoughts turned to great pride, as I looked out at the clear night sky of Red, white and Blue fireworks that light the sky above our small country home.

I take great pride as I'm sure you do in being part of what it takes to protect our freedoms and our way of life. I thought about the Marines and Sailors who are currently deployed and to those who are currently supporting our efforts here in this great country that we live in. I thought how lucky this nation is, that we have such great young men and women who are willing and ready to sacrifice themselves to defend our nation, so that we can live as a free people. These are the young men and women who bring true meaning to the phrase "Land of the Free and home of the Brave" in our national anthem.

Freedom is too enormous to be slipped in One Calendar Day of the Year. It should be celebrated 365 days a year. It is fought for everyday so we can go about our daily activities and continues far into night as we sleep safely in our homes with our families. Freedom is a precious gift that we are so lucky to have in this nation. Celebrate everyday.

SgtMaj MAG 41



## PROMOTIONS



CONGRATULATIONS to all of the Marines who received a promotion in July. We are proud of ALL of you.

*LTCOL Peterson*

*SSGT Foster*

*SGT Frye*

*SGT Johnson*

*SGT May*

*SGT Petta*

*SGT Palmertree*

*CPL Douglas*

*CPL COVAN JR.*

*CPL Martinez*

*CPL Nieto*

*LCPL Pate*

*PFC Herrarte*



## JULY AWARDS



Congratulations to CPL Carnell for achieving the NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (3rd MAW)

Congratulations to the following Marines for receiving the CERTIFICATE OF ACCOMADATION: SGT Bitterman, SGT Cruz (2), SGT Granger, SGT Johnson, SGT Ledesma, SGT Saldivar, CPL Hernandez, and CPL Mendoza.



CPL Delacerda received a LETTER OF APPRECIATION- Congratulations you earned it!

## Remembering Capt. Jeff Ross

Our heart felt condolences go out to the family and friends of Capt. Jeff Ross who tragically left us on Wednesday July 21,2004. He was in Oregon participating in a scheduled training with the 142nd Fighter Wing of the Oregon Air National Guard .

Capt. Ross, 36, was from Old Hickory, Tenn. He is survived by his parents of Madison, N.C.

Capt. Ross touched many people along his life's journey and will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. We ask that you keep his family and friends as well as the entire MALS 41 Family in your thoughts and prayers.

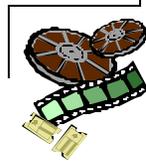
## Now Playing at the Theatre on Base.....

Ticket prices: Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.00

August 1

**Garfield**- PG- 2:00

**Stepford wives (last)**- PG-13- 4:30



August 5

**Dodgeball: A true underdog story** PG-13- 6:00

**The Notebook**- PG-13 - 8:30

August 6

**Sleepover**- PG- 6:00

**The Terminal**- PG-13 - 8:30

August 7

**Garfield (last)**- PG- 2:00

**Around the World in 80 days** - PG - 4:30

**Spiderman 2**- PG -13 8:00

August 8

**Two Brothers**- PG- 2:00

**Spiderman 2**- PG -13 8:00

August 12

**Sleepover**- PG- 6:00

**Spiderman 2**- PG -13 8:00

*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

Attitude is what it is all about! Charles Swindoll wrote, "The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than the facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes."

God grant me the serenity to change the things I can, the courage to accept the things I cannot and the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

Chaplain Neal Moquin  
MAG 41

### RECIPES NEEDED!

Dear Families and Friends,  
Won't you help us, please?

The **MARINE CORPS SPOUSES CLUB** is publishing a cookbook filled to the brim with the best recipes from the best cooks in our Military community—and we need your favorite recipes! Send in three or four of your favorite recipes by August 22, 2004. Your recipe will be included in our cookbook; your name (and branch/unit that you/or spouse are attached to) will be printed with each recipe.

\*We want to include a special section for KIDS recipes, so have your kids send in their favorites too!!!

You can download the recipe form on the MAG-41 website <http://www.mfr.usmc.mil/4thmaw/mag41> Once your recipe is complete email it to [elizabethhawkins@charter.net](mailto:elizabethhawkins@charter.net)

We are anticipating the completed cookbook to be ready in early December. Because of the delivery date, we know there will be a great demand for these cookbooks, so we want to be certain we are ordering enough cookbooks. It would help us immensely if you would indicate how many cookbooks you want to reserve in your name. Just include the number you want reserved in your email.





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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### BACK TO SCHOOL - TAX EXEMPT HOLIDAY

Are you ready to get your back to school clothes and supplies? Take advantage of the Texas Tax Exempt Holiday where you can purchase your school supplies without paying TAXES! The TAX EXEMPT days are AUGUST 6 thru AUGUST 8, 2004.

### NAS/JRB FORT WORTH MARINE SPOUSES CLUB

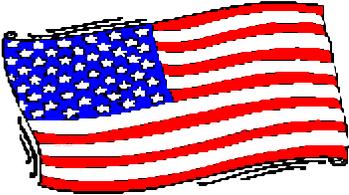
The MARINE SPOUSES CLUB is open to all Marines Spouses in the Ft Worth Area. The main purpose of this organization is to have an outlet to meet other Marine spouses and have people to socialize with. We will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month, locations will vary. \*\*For those Marines that are not married,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

### VOICE GREETINGS FROM HOME

There is nothing better for a Marine that is deployed than hearing the voices of their friends and family that are back home! Using any phone your friends and family can record a personal message that will be put on an album and then sent directly to your loved one. To learn more about VOICE GREETINGS FROM HOME call the toll free number (800) 317-9560 or visit their website at [www.americanvoiceexpressions.com](http://www.americanvoiceexpressions.com)

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 Marine Units for their Family and Volunteer events.

Our next meeting will be on AUGUST 10TH at "On the Border" Fossil Creek Location  
6250 North Freeway  
Ft. Worth, TX 76137-2922  
Phone: 817-306-5120



To RSVP for our AUGUST meeting or for more information please email CINDY OLBRICH, President MSC at [olbrichc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olbrichc@sbcglobal.net).