



MAG-41 NEWS

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Colonel Hawkins Message

Greetings MAG-41 Families!

MAG-41 Marines and families are making history. Your service to this great nation is very much appreciated; acknowledged at the Corps' highest levels, and is making a difference in the global war on terror, the future of the Marine Reserves, and to our way of life. Thank you for all that each and everyone of you do. It matters not if you are a parent of a Marine, a wife, children, brother, sister, or just a friend – service and sacrifice is just that.

People first. I am very pleased to say that our family readiness program is working. I have had several messages, as well as, thankful Marines come to my office to express thanks for the MAG-41 “people first” program. You are taking care of our own, it is needed, and it is working. Thank you. With that being said, I would like to take this opportunity mid-way through my tour to thank: **Michelle Oday, Elena Leal, Elizabeth Hawkins, Cindy Olbrich, Peggy Monego, Janet Cuevas, Lori Peterson, Bridgette Williams, Melissa Baker, Melissa Manchego, and Kelly Echard** for your unwavering commitment to our family. I am ever thankful and appreciative for you every single day. I also want to thank my Family Readiness Marines for making all the MAG events happen with style and class. Your tireless efforts are making a big difference! Thank you.

I want to make you all aware of an incredible capability we have been fortunate to find.

It changes pre-deployment briefings, post-deployment briefings, includes pre/post-exposure briefings, and much more. If you missed this past one, you really need to make the next brief on either September 8th or 9th. Everyone is invited to experience the best information that I have ever seen, presented tailor made for you and your family, by fellow spouses that know what you are going through, how to help, and have the professional credentials to do it. Look inside this letter for details regarding the times and dates. The MAG has received outstanding reviews of the last post exposure briefing from Commanding officers to the wives of Sgts Major. Make time in your schedule to attend, you will not be sorry that you did.

MAG-41 Marines and Sailors. You lead the 4th MAW in dedicated service, strategic impact on several levels in Iraq, the Western Pacific, and our Corps. Your efforts impact Marines serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, going there, or about to come home. As your daily workload adds up and you find that there is never time to accomplish all that you want. Remember, that if you focus on the most important things first; the support for our Marines and Sailors in harms way, or deployed, your support will always be there for them and their families. You are the best there is. Keep charging, the enemy remains a force that requires a dedicated Corps of United States Marines and their families. Can I get an Oorah???

Semper Fidelis, Hawkins

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **September 8th: Return-Reunion brief at 19:00 at the Desert Storm Club**
- ◆ **September 9th: Return-Reunion brief at 10:00 at the Desert Storm Club**
- ◆ **September 11th: Key Volunteer training 9-2:30 Fleet and Family Support Center**
- ◆ **September 18th: Jayne Wayne Day**
- ◆ **October 16th: Annual Mud Run**
- ◆ **November 20th: Marine Corps Birthday Ball Hyatt Regency East, DFW Airport**

Special points of interest:

- ◆ *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 (user id: marines password: semper fi)

A note from Elizabeth Hawkins

Key Volunteer Advisor

Hello Families,

Another year of school under way, I wish you and your kids much success this year. It is hard to believe that we have been here, in Texas for a year now. Time sure flies when you LOVE where you are and who you are with!

I want to let all of you know that the Cookbook Committee has completed all of the recipes for the Marine Corps Spouses Cookbook: **UNITED WE SERVE**. Now the Publishing Company is busy at work getting them published for us. They should be available for purchase in early December, I will certainly keep you posted on the exact date. The name of the cookbook, UNITED WE SERVE represents the union of all the Military Branches on base, as well as the sacrifices and service they provide for our Country. At the same time, it represents the unity of the families that provided recipes that can be served in the Kitchen. I know everyone will be very pleased with the results and will want to reserve your copy TODAY!

As always, we are looking for some more Key Volunteers to help with our Family Readiness program. 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

Semper Gumby (always flexible)
Elizabeth

MARINES NEEDED:

Tarrant County Young Marines Program needs you!

TCYM teaches Young Marines USMC Leadership Traits, Core Values, and Character building. In addition to the drills, the young Marines will do community service, march in Parades (FW & San Antonio), fund raisers & have a Young Marine Encampment each year.

TCYM needs Marines to help teach classes, do drills, PT etc. A new 'basic training' is beginning Sept 11th. There will be approx. 20 new 'recruits', and will run 6 consecutive weekends. Their crucible is/will be the Mud Run (Oct 16th). They will graduate the next day at the Ceremonial Hangar.

This is a very rewarding experience for both the youth and the MARINE, and it gives our youths a very positive outlook involving the military.

For more information, please contact Sgt Burdett at SBurdett@bass-net.com



PROMOTIONS



CONGRATULATIONS to the Marines who received a promotion in August. We are proud of you.

- * LCPL ROJAS, MARIA E.
- * LCPL BOWERS, JOHN D
- * LTCOL RUTH, MICHAEL

JULY AWARDS



Congratulations to SSGT BAKER for receiving the NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Congratulations to LtCol Rayder for achieving his 2nd MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL



A LETTER OF COMMENDATION was awarded to the following Marines

Sgt Canana, J. R.
Sgt Brown, L.E.
MSgt Bennett, M. T.
Sgt Osorio, F. J.
Sgt Cruz, A.
Sgt Soria, D. C.
Sgt Saldivar, R.
Sgt Garcia, A.

CONGRATULATIONS!



A CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION was awarded to the following Marines:

Cpl Faith, AD2 Marlowe, AD2 Gullickson, AD2 Lawton, Sgt Cruz, and LCpl Hornbake

CONGRATULATIONS to all of you!



A LETTER OF APPRECIATION was awarded to the following Marines:

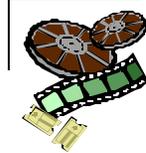
LCpl Aguilar, and Sgt Reyes, Congratulations to both of you!

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

Ticket prices: Adults \$3.00 Children \$2.00

Sept 2

Cinderella Story (last)- PG- 6:00
The Bourne Supremacy- PG-13- 8:30



Sept 3

The Village PG-13- 6:00
The Manchurian Candidate- R - 8:30

Sept 4

Thunderbirds- PG- 2:00
Catwoman- PG-13 - 4:30
I, Robot (last)- PG-13 7:00

Sept 5

Thunderbirds- PG- 2:00
Harold & Kumar go to White Castle- R - 4:30

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



Voting Residency Guidelines for Members of the Uniformed Services and Their Family Members

Foremost, you should keep in mind that Uniformed Service personnel and their family members may not arbitrarily choose which state to declare as their legal voting residence without meeting the state's residency requirement. The following are basic guidelines to follow in determining residency for military personnel and their family members:

* You must have or had physical presence in the state and simultaneously the intent to remain or make the state your home or domicile.

* You may only have one legal residence at a time, but may change residency each time you are transferred to a new location. You must make a conscious decision to change residency; it cannot be done accidentally. There must be certain specific actions which may be interpreted as conscious decisions, e.g., registering to vote, registering a car, qualifying for in-state tuition, etc.

* Once residence is changed, you may not revert to the previous residence without reestablishing new physical presence and intent to remain or return. "Home of Record" should not be confused with legal residence. "Home of Record" is the address a military member had upon entry into the Service. It does not change. "Home of Record" and legal residence may be the same address, and usually are, when a person enters military service. It can remain so even though the person or his/her relatives no longer live at that location, as long as the military member has not established a residence elsewhere after entering on active duty. If a military member changes legal residence after entering on active duty, he/she may not revert to claiming the "Home of Record" as legal residence without reestablishing physical presence and intent to remain in or return to that state.

Family members of active duty military personnel may each have a different legal residence. A spouse does not automatically assume the legal residence of the active duty member upon marriage. The spouse must meet the physical presence and intent to remain or return criteria.

Chaplain's Corner

SPIRITUAL READINESS

Is it worth it? Many are asking that question but none have the right to ask more than the Marines or Sailors deployed and their family members at home...those who understand the high cost of freedom. Is it worth it? Will the efforts and sacrifices made in the cause of Iraqi freedom make a difference? Chaplain David Slater of Task Force 3/7 recently suggested that the answer to that question should not be based on the Iraqi's success in choosing and achieving freedom but on the fact that saving people from tyranny is simply the right thing to do. He uses the analogy of trying to save someone from drowning but in fear, panic or ignorance they fight off your attempt and drown anyway. It does not negate the rightness of the attempt. Even in the shadow of those who criticize the United States for being in Iraq, the same who would criticize us for doing nothing, it is better to be criticized for doing what is right than for doing nothing about what is wrong. "For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil." (I Peter 3:17). This is about the character of our nation and the character of the individuals and their families who are willing to sacrifice for doing what is right.



Chaplain Neal Moquin
MAG 41



Minors typically assume the legal residence of either parent, and when they become 18, they also have the option of establishing their own legal residence which can be different from either parent, assuming they have met the guidelines of physical presence and intent to remain or return.

These are general guidelines for determining your legal residency for voting purposes. If you are not sure where you are a legal resident please contact your state voting office of where you think your a resident and they will be able to assist you.

Please note that the deadline for submitting Absentee Ballot Requests is approaching fast, please visit the MAG website for more information on this!

<http://www.mfr.usmc.mil/4thmaw/mag41>





If you have any questions or concerns you can contact LtCol Mike Ruth the Peace War Support Team (PWST) for MAG-41
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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.



IMPORTANT TRICARE INFORMATION

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.

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 September 21st 6:00pm at **Mimi's Cafe** in Ft. Worth (5858 SW Loop 820). Their phone number is (817) 731-9644. You can visit their website at mimiscafe.com to see the menu.

Please RSVP by Sept. 20th to Elizabeth Hawkins at elizabethhawkins@charter.net.

With the activation of the new TRICARE South contract, the Fort Worth area TRICARE Service Center will be relocating - effective September 20th, 2004. The new address will be Suite 210, Lackland Office Building, 2821 Lackland Road, Fort Worth, TX 76116.

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Starting September 20th, TRICARE beneficiaries and TRICARE providers seeking assistance will need to call 1-800-444-5445 for answers to their questions about the TRICARE program. If their question can't be handled over the phone through the IVR system, they will be transferred to the appropriate individual who will gladly assist them in obtaining the information they need. Assistance is also available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the Humana Military web site: www.humana-military.com. Humana Military Healthcare Services (HMHS) is the Managed Care Support Contractor for the new TRICARE South Region. HMHS activates operations in the Fort Worth area (and all of the old Region 6) on Monday, September 20th. All of the personnel at HMHS are looking forward to working with the beneficiaries and providers located throughout Region 6.

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