

## **SLUG: CARNIVAL**

**Headline 1: Marines volunteer at Career Carnival**

**Headline 2: Marines help out at Career Carnival**

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JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — Schools from across Onslow County, including Department of Defense Dependant Schools, recently sent their 5th grade students to the Career Carnival held at the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center here Nov. 16.

More than 60 presenters showed 1,975 students from 22 different schools what they did for their jobs and answered any questions the children might have, said Ben Bentrup, career development coordinator with Career Technical Education Onslow County Schools.

Children are getting interested and making decisions about what they want to do later in life and the carnival exposes the children to traditional and nontraditional jobs to help inspire them to stay in school, stay out of trouble and lead healthy active lives so they can reach their goals, said Bentrup.

Among the 65 presenters at the carnival were Marines from Marine Wings Support Squadron-272, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, who displayed a seven-ton vehicle and let the students climb through the cab of the truck and look at the inside, said Cpl. Martin

Moreno, a motor transport operator with MWSS-272, 2nd MAW.

“A lot of the kids are pretty excited,” said Moreno. “We had one group that just wanted to go see the truck.”

A booth was also manned by a member of the Rotovue, who talked to the children about the military occupational specialty of combat correspondent and the field of journalism.

“It’s been one of the greatest experiences I’ve had in my career,” said Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb, a combat correspondent with the Joint Public Affairs Office, 2nd MAW. “Just to have the opportunity to talk to all these kids about what I do is just very rewarding.”

Ten Marines from the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training, 46th Marine Training Unit, attended the carnival to help set up tables, hand out refreshments and do odd jobs around the carnival.

“We owe them tremendously,” said Bentrup. “The Marines are a God send.”

The carnival did plan to have three aircraft on display for the children, but due to bad weather the aircraft were not able to be at the carnival, said Bentrup.

CARNIVAL-001

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. -- Cpl. Jonathan A. Tabb, a combat correspondent with the Joint

Public Affairs Office, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, talks to fifth graders attending the Career Carnival about the world of military journalism at the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center here Nov. 16. The carnival was designed to spark the children's imagination and inspire them to work hard to achieve their goals in life. (Official U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen)(released)

CARNIVAL-002

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CARNIVAL-003

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. – Marines with the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training, 46th Marine Training Unit, hand out drinks and snacks to fifth grade students attending the Career Carnival at the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center here Nov. 16. The carnival was designed to spark the children's imagination and inspire them to work hard to achieve their goals in life. (Official U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen)(released)

CARNIVAL-004

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. – Lance Cpl. Joseph Baldasaro, a student at Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training, 46th Marine Training Unit, hand out drinks and snacks to fifth grade students attending the Career Carnival at the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Center here Nov. 16. The carnival was designed to spark the children's imagination and inspire them to work hard to achieve their goals in life. (Official U.S. Marine Corps photo by Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen)(released)