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FEATURES

Winter '12

The Aviation Overview/ HQMC: Preparing for the Future

An overview of what HQMC is doing to maintain and strengthen the flexibility of the air-ground team.

MAC Update

Col Mike "Bones" Burns, USMC (Ret), gives us the final briefing on centennial planning and preparations.

The First Solo Flight of Alfred A. Cunningham

Donald Macaulay educates us on Cunningham's first solo flight and the plans to commemorate this historic event in Marblehead, MA, this August.

Born in Battle: Wake Island Avengers Earned Title in World War II

Cpl Aaron Diamant relates the story of The first Marine pilot awarded the Medal of Honor in World War II.

CH-53D: The Ending Chapter

Capt Clay Piersall discusses how personnel of HMH-362 recently closed the books on the CH-53D.

MAG-31: Continuing to Excel

LtCol George "Sack" Rowell reports on how MAG-31 is providing fixed-wing air support to Marine Air Ground Task Force commanders.

Signed, Sealed, and now... DELIVERED!

The F-35B makes its highly anticipated arrival at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. The first two production models are assigned to VMFAT-501 "Warlords."

A Station Marines Perspective

LtCol Dan Lingman talks on the teamwork required to prepare for the Centennial of Naval Aviation *Parade of Flight* and the 2011 Miramar Air Show.





Cover Photo: On New Year's Day, while many of us ate too much and watched football, a UH-1Y Huey with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 369, departs Forward Operating Base Edinburgh in Helmand province, Afghanistan, for a counterinsurgency operation.





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★ WHAT IS "THE YELLOW SHEET"? ★

The Marine Corps Aviation Association's <u>Yellow Sheet</u> takes its name from the old yellow colored, printed form that pilots used to record flight data after each hop. The yellow sheet had a tear-off portion which contained basic aircraft information with space for aircrew log book stats, flight time, instrument time, number of takeoffs and landings, type of flight, passengers, and other assorted information. At the end of a flight, a pilot always walked into the "line shack" and reached for the yellow sheet.

And that's why the MCAA named this publication The Yellow Sheet.





