



The tug of war pitted 10-man teams against one another at the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron family day, June 8. The tug of war was just one of the many section competitions.

H&HS MARINES TAKE OVER SHADY GROVE

FAMILY DAY HELPS BUILD CAMARADERIE

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Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron held a family day, June 8, at the Shady Grove picnic area for all members of the squadron and their families to bolster family unity, unit camaraderie and esprit de corps.

"The turnout was great," said Lt. Col. Stephen M. Hoyle, H&HS commanding officer. "We had almost 300 people out there and that was with almost a third of the squadron still working to keep the station up and running."

There were plenty of events and activities for everyone who attended H&HS's family day. Some of the events were the Dizzy Lizzie competition, the hot dog eating contest and tug of war.

"The hot dogs were very tasty and the competition was very fast," said Lance Cpl. David J. Blake, photographer with combat camera. Blake, a first time competitor in the

hot dog eating competition, ate 14 hot dogs.

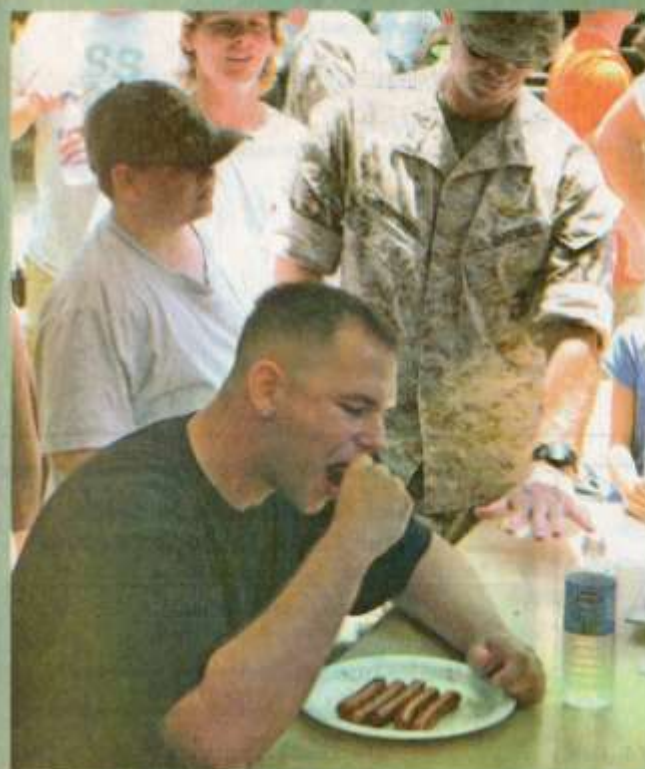
Attendees of the family day also received a chance to dunk several "choices" H&HS Marines. Some of the Marines brave enough to step up to the dunk tank were Hoyle, Sgt. Maj. Rudy Resto and Sgt. Russell L. Burkholder, the barracks manager.



"It was scary to dunk Marines with such high ranking," said Pfc. Ethan S. Shrader, awards clerk. "It was really cool to see them get in the dunk tank and let junior Marines dunk them."

The family day was not all fun and games for some; with almost 300 people in attendance, it took many helping hands (in the form of a working party) to make the Rams' family day run as smooth as it did.

"The most important part of the family day was for the Marines to get a chance to interact with co-workers and other members of the squadron in a manner that is much different than day-to-day work," said Hoyle.



Lance Cpl. Joshua Dandurand, a radar and data controller, stuffs hot dogs into his mouth during the hot dog eating competition at the H&HS family Day. Dandurand won the competition by cramming 21 hot dogs into his mouth. Air station Commanding Officer Col. Frank P. Bottorff judged the contest.



Lance Cpl. Gregory Maring, a military policeman, grills hotdogs and hamburgers during the H&HS family day at the Shady Grove picnic area. The H&HS family day offered food, music and activities for the Marines and family members of the squadron.



Cpl. Christian Montanez, an admin clerk, attempts to dunk the H&HS commanding officer Lt. Col. Stephen M. Hoyle. The dunk tank was one of many events at the family day that helped raise money for the H&HS Marine Corps birthday ball. Other Marines who were dunked were Sgt. Maj. Rudy Rusto, the H&HS sergeant major, and Sgt. Russell L. Burkholder, the H&HS barracks manager.