



Be On the Lookout

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Atlanta, Georgia

FOR THE LOVE OF COUNTRY

A Patriot and Explorer Becomes a Marine

by Post Advisor Greg Klein

**Brian Brown, now a U.S. Marine.**

In April 2006 Brian Brown, a junior at Perry Hall High School in Baltimore County, Maryland, approached me about Explorers. As the school's resource officer and Baltimore County Police Explorer Post #9909 advisor, I explained to him what Explorers was all about, and when our next meeting would be.

Brian came to the first meeting eager to get started, and I quickly saw he had both natural leadership abilities and a great love for our country—two great skills for every Explorer to have.

As I got to know Brian I soon learned that not only was he interested in a career in law enforcement, but also in the Marine Corps. I instinctively knew that whatever he decided to do, he would be an outstanding team leader.

Brian's Explorer training soon came in handy in real life. During the summer of 2008 Brian was working at the Maryland State Fair with uniformed officers. When an individual resisted arrest after becoming belligerent, Brian quickly responded. After the event, one of our officers called me to say how grateful he was that Brian was there. He said that as soon as the suspect began to fight, Brian came from nowhere to help secure the arrest and that he comported himself as a true professional.

During the National Explorers Conference that year all the training and hard work Brian and his team made paid off yet again. Brian as a corporal in the post was a big part of our White Collar Crime competition team that came in first, and he made sure searches of suspects were done properly and all contraband had been collected. This was just one more sign that Brian's leadership and enforcement skills were continuing to grow.

Yet in spite of all Brian's successes, the call of the Marines was never far from his thoughts. To be a police officer in Maryland you have to be 21 years of age, but Brian didn't want to wait. Upon graduation last year at age 18 he joined the Marines.

Brian's Explorer training served him well at Marine boot camp and beyond. In camp he became a squad leader, and then at the School of Infantry at Camp Lejeune he decided he wanted to become the SAW (Squad Automatic Weapons) gunner. There are only a few slots open for SAW gunners, however he worked hard and achieved his goal.

Between boot camp and Camp Lejeune, Brian made time to come back to Perry Hall for an Explorer meeting. Sitting in a semi-circle with the Explorers intently listening, Brian told them about boot camp and how much the Explorer program prepared him for the Marines. Like two proud fathers, my associate advisor and I watched as Brian went around to each member. He spoke to them individually about their goals, leadership and friendship—from his heart. Brian is truly an amazing young man who always puts his fellow man first.

In Every Movement Pain, In Every Moment Joy

by Lieutenant Leslie Riordan

At first glance I look like any other teenager, but underneath there's more to me than meets the eye. I was born with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS), and even though I've had it since birth, it took hundreds of doctor's appointments and countless tests over 17 years to diagnose this debilitating disease.

EDS is a rare connective tissue disorder that affects the synthesis of the protein collagen. The easiest way to sum up this disease is by what it does: it makes you suffer. With EDS you feel more pain than you once thought possible, and there's no treatment or cure for it.

It affects every single part of my body, which means I feel nothing but pain everywhere every second of every day. It's not a weak ache. It is the worst pain I have ever felt, until the next day, when it decides to exceed seemingly impossible limits.

Eating is a really great example of what my life is like. Every bite of food from start to finish

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

5:30 A.M.	Pistol Competition bus departs (breakfast on bus)	Ferst Drive Bus Area (at Wenn Student Center)
6:00 A.M.—8:00 AM.	Breakfast	Woodruff/Brittain/The Edge (Dining Halls)
6:30 AM.	Pistol Competition bus departs (breakfast on bus)	Ferst Drive Bus Area (at Wenn Student Center)
7:30 AM.	Headquarters Opens	Wenn Student Center, 321
7:30 AM.	Steering Committee Breakfast	Wenn Student Center Ferst Place
7:30 A.M.	Pistol Competition bus departs	Ferst Drive Bus Area (at Wenn Student Center)
8:00 A.M.—9:30 AM.	SEMINARS	
	Leadership	Architecture East, 123
	Bombing Investigations; Bomber Behavior Analysis	Instructional Center, 105
	First Responder to Digital Evidence	Instructional Center, 205
	Profiling Concepts	Howey Physics, L3
	Cyber Crime	Howey Physics, L4
	Protecting Our Nation's Transportation System	College of Computing, 16
	In a Post 9-11 Environment—The Federal Air Marshal Service	
8:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.	INDIVIDUAL EVENTS	
	Air Pistol Competition	North Ave North Gym
	Bike Policing Competition	Curran Deck (Bike Storage in
	West Side Activity Room)	
	Drill Competition	O'Keefe Gym
	N.E.V.O.C.	Upper Physics Building (Pkng. Lot W21)
	Police Physical Performance Test	Instructional Center Lawn
	Sample Written Examination	Boggs, B-6
8:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.	TEAM COMPETITIONS (Orientations)	Couch Building, Rehearsal Hall
	Arrest and Search	
	Bomb Threat Response	
	Burglary in Progress	
	Crime Prevention	
	Crime Scene Search	
	Domestic Crisis Intervention	
	Emergency Field First Aid	
	Hostage Negotiation	
	Shoot/Don't Shoot	
	Traffic Accident Investigation	
	Traffic Stop	
	White Collar Crime	
8:30 A.M.	Pistol Competition bus departs	Ferst Drive Bus Area (at Wenn Student Center)
9:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.	Career Fair	Student Center, Ballroom
9:00 AM.—6:00 P.M.	Cop Shop	Wenn Student Center, Piedmont
9:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.	Advisor Seminars (Explorer Academies –local, area, state)	Student Center Theater
9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.	Basketball/Volleyball (Courts 5&6)	Campus Rec Center
9:30 A.M.	Pistol Competition bus departs	Ferst Drive Bus Area (at Wenn Student Center)
10:00 A.M.—11:30 AM.	SEMINARS	
	Protect Yourself: Self Defense	Architecture East, 123
	Fugitive Investigations	Skiles, 249
	Gangs	Howey Physics, L5

	Mail Fraud Engineering, Science & Mechanics, 201	
	Narcotics Trafficking and Interdiction	Boggs, B6A
	Personal Health and Wellness	Boggs, 228
10:30 AM.	Pistol Competition bus departs (lunch on bus)	Ferst Drive Bus Area (at Wenn Student Center)
11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.	Lunch	Woodruff/Brittain/The Edge (Dining Halls)
12:30 P.M.	Pistol Competition bus departs	Ferst Drive Bus Area (at Wenn Student Center)
1:30 P.M.	Pistol Competition bus departs	Ferst Drive Bus Area (at Wenn Student Center)
1:30 P.M.—3:00 P.M.	SEMINARS	
	Leadership	Skiles, 249
	Bombing Investigations	College of Computing, 17
	First Responder to Digital Evidence	Howey Physics, L2
	Profiling Concepts	Howey Physics, L3
	Cyber Crime	Howey Physics, L4
	Protecting Our Nation's Transportation System	Howey Physics, L5
	In A Post 9-11 Environment—The Federal Air Marshal Service	
2:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M.	Advisor Seminars (Advisor's Associations)	Student Center Theater
2:30 P.M.	Pistol Competition bus departs	Ferst Drive Bus Area (at Wenn Student Center)
3:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.	Basketball/Volleyball (Courts 3—6)	Campus Rec Center
3:30 P.M.—5:00 P.M.	SEMINARS	
	Protect Yourself: Self Defense	Howey Physics, L4
	Fugitive Investigations	Skiles, 249
	Gangs	Howey, Physics L5
	Mail Fraud	Howey, Physics L2
	Narcotics Trafficking and Interdiction	Howey, Physics L3
	Personal Health and Wellness	Instructional Center, 109
4:00 P.M.—7:30 P.M.	General Use Rec Time	Campus Rec Center
	(Competition Pool and Diving Well)	Post Leader Check Explorers in
	At front desk: identified by wristband	
4:00 P.M.—9:00 P.M.	General Use Rec Time	Campus Rec Center
	(Leisure Pool: Water slide closes at 8pm)	Post Leader Check Explorers in
	At front desk: identified by wristband	
5:00 P.M.—9:45 P.M.	General Use Rec Time	Campus Rec Center
	(Court 5 & 6 Auxiliary Gym)	Post Leader Check Explorers in
	At front desk: identified by wristband	
5:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M.	Dinner	Woodruff/Brittain/The Edge (Dining Halls)
7:00 P.M.	Entertainment Night	Alexander Memorial Coliseum
9:30 P.M.—11:30 P.M.	Dance-Jump Club	Alexander Memorial Coliseum (Freshman Gym)
Midnight	Day concludes	

Police Patch Collectors, Attention!

Officer Monico Meneses of the San Antonio, Texas Police Department wants to organize a meeting of collectors during the conference to discuss and trade patches. Please contact him at 210-789-1123, or monico.meneses@gmail.com and he will figure out a time and place for everyone to meet.

Question? of the DAY

"What is your favorite book?"



Ryan Buckley
Post 326
Springfield, IL

Book: Blue Blood
By: Edward Conlon

About: True stories behind the badge about what an officer's life is really like. Short stories about different homicide investigations through the eyes of a detective. A thrilling read that really changed my perception of police work.



Nick Detherow
Post 2117
Bartlesville, OK

Book: The Bible
By: God

About: The greatest story ever told. I read it every week. It inspires me in all I do and everywhere I go in life.



Jessie Faberman
Post 5000
Long Island, NY

Book: Step On A Crack
By: James Patterson

About: Suspense story about an NYPD homicide detective who ends up becoming a hostage negotiator when criminals attempt to hijack the funeral of the first lady at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

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Opening Act- Audrey McDermott

You heard Audrey McDermott's incredible rendition of the National Anthem during opening ceremonies. Tonight you'll be hearing her again as the opening act for Needfire, and she'll also be providing vocals for a song or two with the headliner, Needfire. She is a three-time all-state singer, and is a senior this year at North Scott High School in Davenport, Iowa. Her father is Tom McDermott, the Scout Executive (and longtime explorer leader) for the Illowa (Quad Cities) Scouting Council. Audrey will also perform at this year's closing ceremonies. For more information, or to hear other songs by Audrey, friend her on Facebook!



Texas Law Enforcement Explorers Advisor Association

**Meeting Wednesday
July 21 @ 4:00 p.m.**

Student Center Room 319, Next to Career Fair

**Contact Rebecca Colwell- President
817-944-7829 For more information**



CELTIC BAND READY TO ROCK TONIGHT

The headliner at this year's entertainment night is Needfire: Five Celtic rockers from Texas. Don't get confused or complacent: these men in kilts can really tear the house down! They've performed around the country and around the world, and they are one of the most distinctive and original bands today.

Here is a short interview with the band:

What's the advantage of kilts for men?

Built in air conditioning! Not all of us wear kilts, but the ones that do really enjoy it. It brings a bit more authenticity to the show, plus the ease of movement is a bonus. The different tartans (plaids) are a way to distinguish which people belong to which clans, groups or family units back in Ireland.

Most of you are from Texas, where country music is king. Where did the connection with Irish folk music come from?

Irish folk and Texas music complement each other more than you might think. Both have a strong history with a rich tradition. Like all we do, we do it with a twist, and with lots of energy- two elements that make the fusion of the two styles of music so special.

Needfire formed in late 2004. Our bassist, Ed Walewski, had been in the Celtic music scene for many years, and both he and our guitarist/singer, John Cleghorn formed Needfire with Ed's original bagpiper, Brad Madison. John



brought in Matt Henthorn, the drummer, and a friend of his son, Michael Purser, stepped in to play fiddle in March 2009.

What is it that makes Irish music so special?

Irish music has deep rooted family and spiritual connections. We hope you'll feel that in the music and the dance. If you listen closely you'll notice in our songs that there are lots of references to places in Ireland in the music. That can be confusing if you don't know the geography, but for those who really love the music, it can bring the listener even closer to places and people that they know or they've heard of.

You've got a very high intensity program—how do you keep your energy up?

We really build off of each

other's actions. If the guy on your left is jumping around and the guy at center stage is running around, it kind of rubs off and soon everyone is caught up in the groove. The energy is contagious, and it just keeps growing as the show goes on. We hope you'll feel it Wednesday night!

What are your thoughts on our troops who are defending freedom and on the law enforcement officers that keep the homeland safe?

We wouldn't have the freedom of sharing our music without the service of these amazing people. We have seen our wonderful country in our travels, and don't for one moment take for granted the freedoms that we have. We always express our thanks to men and women in uniform at our shows and when we meet them on the road. We absolutely encourage all

young people to get involved in their communities through careers in law enforcement, or through serving their country in the armed services.

What have you seen or experienced in your travels across the country and the world that brings out your sense of pride?

We were recently at Mount Rushmore, and that was truly a moving experience. I'll tell you, it's always a great thrill to meet our fans and to share our music with them. People come from all different walks of life—rich and poor, young and old—and it's great to see people enjoying time with each other and their families. At some of the shows we play, we might see a family with three or four generations represented. Grandparents dancing with their grandchildren, or parents dancing with their children. It seems that during the recent difficult economic times, people are enjoying family time more and making it fun for everyone.

Have you been to Atlanta before?

We've traveled through Georgia several times, but this will be Needfire's first gig in Atlanta. We are really looking forward to traveling to the area and showing Atlanta and the Explorers what Celtic rock is all about!

What is your favorite non-Irish singer or song?

That's a tough one. We're diverse in our musical tastes, though we have a few favorites that always get played in the touring van. On any given day,

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it could be The Beatles, Elvis Costello, Lady Gaga, The Black Crowes, Kings of Leon, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, The Who, Led Zeppelin, or Michael Jackson. There are some amazing new bands/artists out there right now, but the bottom line is with this band you never know what's going to be playing till you get in the van!

What is the secret to playing bagpipes well?

To play the bagpipes well, it's important to understand the proper

technique and the instrument's history. Anyone can learn to play the bagpipes, but the best players have learned everything there is to know about them. Oh, and strong lungs helps too!

Uh, what is a didgeridoo and what do you use it for?

Didgeridoo is a musical instrument indigenous to Northern Australia that's traditionally made from Eucalyptus trees that have been hollowed out. It's traditionally used mostly in ceremonies; however we use it in our performance to create new sounds and layers of sound, or use it with a tribal drum beat to create the more traditional sound that recalls its Australian outback roots. You'll see it on stage on Wednesday for sure!

If you didn't play in Needfire, what would you do for a living?

What a scary thought! All our answers are quite different. We've all been in the music business for as long as we can remember, so I'm sure it would be on the technical or teaching side of music, but still in the music industry in some form.

Who is "the leader of the band?"

We all have leading roles in this band, but the true leader is the music. We let it take us where it wants to go, and it develops its own identity each night—so you'll just have to wait till we get on the stage Wednesday to find out!

Thank you—see you Wednesday in Atlanta!

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Balloting is ONLY open noon to 5 pm Thursday.

If you have any questions, or have difficulty logging on, contact Mike Knight at (615) 335-7120 or Michael.Knight@ATF.gov.

Results will be announced at the closing ceremony Friday!

In Every Moment

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me pain so immense that it once caused me to scream and cry hysterically while rocking back and forth in the fetal position. It has gotten to a point where I don't know what "non-pain" feels like. Every blink, breath, or slight gust of air brings me excruciating, unforgivable pain.

As much as EDS affects my every day, I try not to let it control me. I have learned to adapt well to the debilitating symptoms of EDS. Hiding this disease is a mastered skill, as most people don't even know I have it. Only on occasion will I slip a grimace in a moment of weakness, and I try not to let it stand in the way of doing what I want.

I have run half-marathons (with two broken legs), triathlons, gone to prom, and do weekly ride alongs as an Explorer. This is my one and only chance at life. Even though each day is a struggle, it is another day that I am graced to experience life.

If anything, EDS has given me keen awareness of how precious life is and how important every sensation and each feeling is. I focus on and enjoy the smell of fresh laundry, the way shag carpet

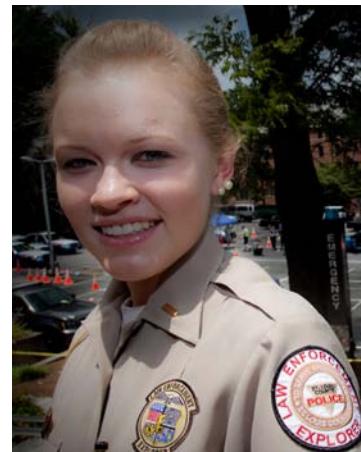
feels between my toes, the sound of running water, and the way it feels to have the sun beat down on my back. Experiences both big and small bring me joy throughout the day, reminding me of who I am, and that I am still human, not condemned to a life of only suffering.

If I leave you with anything from this article, I hope it will be the two most important lessons I have ever learned: to fight and to speak.

"EDS has given me keen awareness of how precious life is..."

I fight 24/7 because not one thing I do is easy. There are many times I have just wanted to give up, only to realize that this is not really an option at all. Fighting is the only chance I have at being happy, to live life the way I want, and quite frankly to live life itself.

I speak up for myself because if I didn't I would be in a psych hospital right now instead of competing at this conference. There were many doctors and "experts" along the way that tried to convince me that I was crazy. Being my own best advocate led



to my diagnosis and to the truth about who I really am and what I deserve to be, not what a stranger seems to think I ought to be. You have a voice, so use it. Don't ever stop believing in that voice or in yourself.

These truths led me to the conclusion early on that my purpose in life is to serve others and that is what has drawn me to law enforcement. If I quit, I let down not only myself but also those who I am committed to serving. So when the going gets tough, you have to give yourself those five minutes to cry—after that go on, get up, get out, and get the job done!

Leslie Riordan is a lieutenant with the St. Louis West County Police Department Explorer Post 9774 in St. Louis, Missouri.

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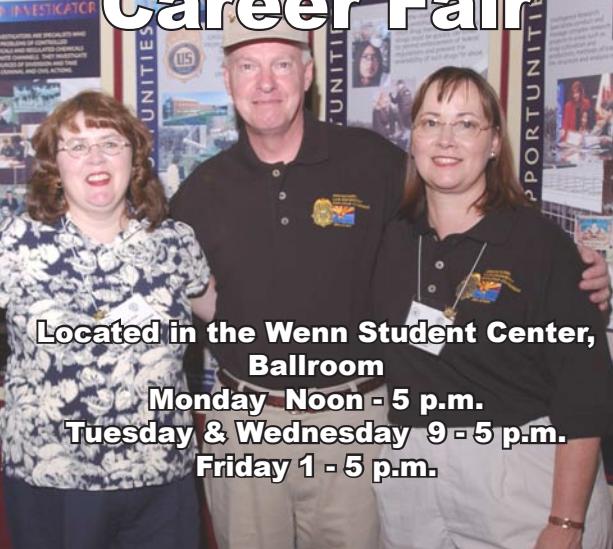


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