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MCLB Barstow, MCB presented air quality awards

Compiled by Rob Jackson
Barstow Log Staff

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow and Maintenance Center Barstow are constantly looking at and developing ways to protect and preserve the environment in which they perform their every day missions.

The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District recognized both entities for their commitment to reduce or prevent air pollution in the High Desert by presenting them the annual Exemplar Award during a ceremony held in Victorville Sept. 27.

The Exemplar Award, now in its eighth year, is presented annually in late September to commemorate National Pollution Prevention Week. Chuck Fryxell, district air pollution control officer, and Paul Leullig, chairman of the district's board of directors, made the presen-

tations.

Col. Steven J. Thompson, commanding officer of MCLB Barstow, Jack Stormo, supervisory environmental engineer for the Environmental Division, Col. Arthur Sass, commander, Maintenance Center Barstow and Randy Spencer, MCB Environmental and Safety manager, were on hand to accept the awards on behalf of their respective commands.

MCLB Barstow was recognized for its efforts in reducing petroleum usage and emissions by purchasing 50 global electric motorcars that produce zero emissions, and for its use of photovoltaic systems.

According to the nominations, MCLB Barstow had been researching the idea of using an alternative source of energy to power vehicles and provide security lights to remote areas

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Photo by Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

Base commander Col. Steven J. Thompson signs his contribution card for the annual Combined Federal Campaign as this year's campaign coordinator, 2nd Lt. Ayanna Harrison, looks on. For more information about the campaign, see Page 5.

Rumsfeld says world is safer without Saddam

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Oct. 3 he's "surprised" that the coalition has not found weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, but remains convinced that going to war was the right thing.

"I believe they were there, and I'm surprised that we have not found them yet," Rumsfeld said on Fox News Channel's "The Big Story Weekend with Rita Cosby" show. "There is no question ... on the part of anybody that Saddam Hussein had them, used them on his own people, used them on his neighbors, had a desire to have them, (and) had an intention to have them."

Rumsfeld said it's still unclear what happened to Saddam's weapons of mass destruction. "He has either hidden them

so well or moved them somewhere else or decided to destroy them so that he did not have them in the event of a conflict, but kept the capability of developing them rapidly," the secretary said.

The truth, he said, will probably unfold "as the months and years go by."

Despite the failure of the coalition to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, Rumsfeld said the intelligence community — not only in the United States, but also in Western Europe and the United Nations — shared "the general view" that they existed.

He said U.S. soldiers' use of chemical-protective gear during their March 2003 march to Baghdad reflected the U.S. military's sincere belief that the troops could be attacked by Iraqi troops using these weapons. "Why do people

do that?" Rumsfeld said of wearing the "clumsy, hot, awkward" suits. "They do it because ... it's safer."

But Rumsfeld said he has no doubt that the world is "a lot better off" without Saddam. "Let there be no doubt about it," he said. "The Iraqi people are a lot better off. That region is a lot better off."

The war in Iraq "has the potential of setting that country — an important, potentially wealthy country with an intelligent population — on a path toward democracy" that spills over to the entire region, he said.

Rumsfeld said it's likely that 20, 30, even 40 years into the future, historians will look back on Operation Iraqi Freedom and call it "the beginning of more democratic lives and neighbors in the region and more opportunities for people."

"I believe the great sweep of human history is for freedom, and that's on our side," the secretary noted.

He acknowledged that the sweep won't be without bumps in the road and said he's concerned about the "distinct possibility" that extremists will increase their terrorist activities between now and the Afghan elections Oct. 9 and the Iraqi elections in January. "You can't read the intelligence that we all read and analyze it and not be concerned," he said.

Overall, Rumsfeld said, the United States is "a lot safer today than we were on Sept. 11, 2001." He said steps taken by local, state and federal officials and stepped-up security at airports and port facilities are helping shore up homeland security.

"But perfectly safe is not possible," he said.

August Safety Summary, first quarter FY05 safety theme

ALMAR 052/04 Headquarters Marine Corps

During August, five Marines died in operational accidents and four Marines died in non-operational accidents.

Operational

A lance corporal was killed in a high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicle accident when ground gave way causing the vehicle to roll over into a canal. He was riding as a passenger.

A captain died of a negligent gun shot wound when the weapon he was cleaning discharged, striking him in the stomach.

A corporal was struck by a HMMWV while

participating in a combat foot patrol and died from severe head injuries.

A staff sergeant and a lance corporal died in an aviation accident when their CH-53E crashed during a night logistics mission in Iraq. The aircraft was destroyed.

Non-Operational

A lance corporal was killed in a single vehicle accident during wet road conditions when the vehicle left the road and went into a river. The lance corporal's body was not discovered for several days because of heavy rain and flooding.

A lance corporal was killed in a single vehicle accident when he lost control and was thrown from the vehicle. He was not wearing his seatbelt.

A corporal was killed in a motorcycle accident when he drove into the back of a truck, losing his helmet. He died of severe head trauma.

A corporal was struck and killed by oncoming traffic while crossing a street.

Observations/Trends

This fiscal year, we have lost 77 personnel; 24 Marines and one civilian died in operational accidents and 52 Marines died in off-duty and recreational accidents. These tragic losses can be mitigated by leadership, teamwork and training. Safety and operational risk management are leadership tools that can improve the way we operate while preventing accidents.

The safety theme for the first quarter of fiscal

year 2005 is "leadership is safety." Leaders must protect their personnel from accidents. Foresight and planning are key to mission success and the key to reducing accidents. Leaders must identify hazards associated with their mission. Leaders must teach their subordinates the skills needed to identify hazards. Listen to your Marines who have the intestinal fortitude to speak up when observing unsafe acts or behaviors. Keep your Marines alive and ready for the fight. If you see a Marine acting in an unsafe manner, help that Marine, directly or through the chain of command. As professionals, I am counting on you to help me keep Marines safe.

Semper fidelis, M. W. Hagee, General, U.S. Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps

Look for the positives in life

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood
Base Chaplain



Have you ever known anyone that could always manage to see the negative aspect of whatever was happening?

I know that we would generally refer to a person

like that as a pessimist, but sometimes these individuals will tell you that they are only trying to point out what might happen in a given situation.

Still, you often feel as though they are not trying to be helpful, rather that they are simply negative and that they bring their negativity to any situation.

The story in today's reading is

something like that. The story is in the Gospel of Saint Luke, chapter 6, and is about a person whom Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The narrative states that Jesus had been having this discussion about the Sabbath with some Pharisees and Scribes. As you may have guessed, there was a difference of opinion about behavior on the Sabbath and the debate centered around the law of not working on the Sabbath.

This rule was useful not because working on the Sabbath is inherently evil; rather it is useful because it acts as a reminder that the Sabbath is a holy day that should be set aside for worship.

This rule was in place because people will find any reason not to set aside a day for worship. The

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

George Bustamonte fingerpicks traditional tunes at the annual base Hispanic American Heritage Month Luncheon Sept. 30. Bustamonte played several selections throughout the luncheon, which celebrates the history and contribution Hispanics have made in supporting the Marine Corps mission.

Chapel Services

Protestant Sunday 8:30 a.m.

For more information, call 577-6849.

Religious Events

Morning prayer, Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m., ASD Building 15

Seekers Bible Study, Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Religious Ministries Center, Building 126 p.m.

Lunch time episcopal mass, Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Blessed Sacraments Chapel, Building 128

Religious Services off base

Catholic Mass:

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
505 E. Mt. View
Barstow
Sundays, 7:30 a.m. Misa En Espanol
9:30, 10:30 a.m. English

or:

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church
25333 Third Street
Lenwood
Sundays, 9:30 a.m. English

Jewish Services

Congregation Bamidar Shel Ha-Am
130 Eastgate Road
Barstow
Saturdays 10 a.m.



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Have a suggestion or comment about MCLB Barstow's products or services, but don't know where the suggestion box is? ICE is the answer! Simply click on the ICE logo on the base Web site to enter MCLB Barstow's Interactive Customer Evaluation site, locate the appropriate service provider and fill in their comment card. It only takes a few minutes.

Just a reminder, a few more of MCLB Barstow departments/divisions have been added to ICE. These include Fleet Support Division's wholesale/retail; Marine Corps Community Services' retail, food service, lodging, Marine Corps Exchange and Recreation; and Public Works. For more information check out ICE at <https://www.bam.usmc.mil>, or contact Tony Rose, who can be reached at 577- 6606.

Leave Sharing Program

Jennifer D. Kinsey of the Contracting and Purchasing Office has been affected by a medical emergency. Anyone desiring to donate leave under the Leave Sharing Program may obtain a leave donor application through their department administrative officer.

For more information, contact Kelly Woodford at 577-6369 or Johnnie Curtis at 577-6734.

Maintenance Center Picnic

The Maintenance Center will have its 35th annual picnic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 16. The picnic will be at Obregon Park on the MCLB Yermo Annex.

There will be complimentary food, drinks, and more. Entertainment will include a disc jockey, volleyball, horseshoes, a jump house, face painting and several other games for children to enjoy. The military police will provide a K-9 demonstration, and McGruff the crime dog will be present.

All MCB employees are encouraged to attend and bring their families.

For more information, contact Fred Alley at 577-7406.

Volunteers Needed

The Youth Activity Center is seeking volunteers to assist in giving classes to youths and teens on the proper techniques of photography using digital equipment.

Volunteers with knowledge in the digital arts area, as well as any computer knowledge in the area of downloading and sending digital attachments, would be helpful.

For more information, contact Margaret Young at 577-6499/6287.

Civilian Career and Leadership Development

New training opportunities have been posted. The following classes are being offered:

Headquarters Marine Corps is now taking nominations for the Executive Potential Program. This is a program offered to potential individuals at the GS 13-15 level or equivalent grades. Applications are due no later than Nov. 19.

For more information, visit the MCLB Barstow intranet at www.mclbonline.barstowusmc.mil, or contact Lisa Akers at 577-6658.

Marine Corps Ball

Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's 229th Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be at the Primm Valley Resorts, Nev., Nov. 10.

Attire for active duty military members is dress blue "A" or "B," service "A" or equivalent. For civilians black tie or equivalent is suggested.

Ticket costs are: Officers, civilians, and guests; \$30 each. Staff noncommissioned officers; \$25 each. Sergeants and corporals; \$15 each. Lance corporals and below; free. Guests of lance corporals and below; \$15 each.

Ticket sales have started, but end Nov. 1, and are on sale Monday through Friday from 7 to 8:30 a.m., and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the base duty office in Building 15 or S-1 in the Red Wing of Building 15.

Questions regarding ticket sales should be directed to Staff Sgt. Perry Sikes at 577-4360, or Danielle Heinze at 577-6408.

For room reservations, call 1-800-386-7867 and use code SCM1110.

Be sure to use your credit card or an advance deposit to guarantee a reservation.

Regular rooms cost \$25 and it is recommended to make reservations before Oct. 27. Check-out time is noon on Nov. 11.

Gun Club

The base is exploring the possibility of utilizing the MCLB rifle/pistol range for recreational shooting and National Rifle As-

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to drop by for the weekend.

sociation sponsored matches, with the establishment of a gun club.

Those interested in becoming members should contact David VanHovel at 577-6373.

Restricted Parking

The west end of the parking lots for Buildings 236, 190 and 170 will be restricted intermittently due to the painting of the adjacent water tank.

To prevent over spraying, personnel are asked to park in the east side parking lot. Questions can be directed to Bill Kearn at 577-6214 or 578-1559.

Fall Theater Production

The Barstow Community College Performing Arts Department is scheduled to perform "The Last Night of Ballyhoo" in the college's Norman Smith Center.

The play focuses on a Jewish family exploring their faith while living in a primarily Christian

neighborhood in Atlanta.

Performances are scheduled for Oct. 15, 16, 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 17 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for local students.

Tickets sales are limited. For those interested in attending, it is recommended to make reservations by calling Amy Ross at 252-2411.

Calico Days

A mining town party, paying tribute to Calico's Wild West past, is scheduled to be held Friday through Sunday.

Attractions include an old west character hall of fame dedication, music, a barbecue and costume contests begins at 6 p.m. Friday.

A Wild West parade is scheduled for Saturday at noon and on Sunday, a burro race takes to the streets at 11 a.m.

A gunfight stunt competition is scheduled for both weekend

days along with egg tossing, greased pole climbing and bucket brigade contests.

A complete Calico Days schedule is available at the Web site at www.calicotown.com or by calling at 1-800-To-Calico.

Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for youth ages 6 through 15. Children and parking are free.

Customer Complaint Line

For complaints about the services received from the Work Request phone line, call the Most Efficient Organization complaint line.

The MEO complaint line is 577-5159.

MCB Auto Show

The 9th Annual MCB Stress Relief Auto Show is scheduled to take place at Building 573 on Oct. 15.

This event is open to all MCLB Barstow employees.

For more information, call Jack Brumit at 577-7126.

Job Watch

Ann. No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
SW5701-04-204337-DE	Mobile Equipment Dispatcher WG-5701-08	09-28-04	10-08-04	09-30-04	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in the above positions should submit resumes online at the following Web sites: <http://www.donhr.navy.mil> or <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>. For more information concerning job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 236, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office at 577-6357/6279/6481.

This is not an official list. Please see the Web sites listed for a complete list.

MCLB child safety rests in the hands of parents

Unsupervised children are posing a risk MCLB is not willing to take

By Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello
Combat Correspondent

According to base Policy Statement No.06-01, the primary responsibility for the care and control of children rests with parents, guardians and those to whom parents and guardians trust to care for their children.

"One would believe this is common sense, but residents can get a false sense of security when they enter the gates on base," said David Vanhovel, the MCLB Barstow base inspector.

There are many dangers on base that a young child could get into if not supervised, said Vanhovel.

"Traffic, loose pets, swimming pools, snakes and insects just to name a few," he explained.

"Children may not know to avoid these dangers and that is why it is very important for parents to properly supervise their children," Vanhovel stated.

"The policy is in place as a standard so that all parents and guardians will know what is expected of them when it comes to child supervision," said Vanhovel.

It sets guidelines for the degree of

supervision necessary for children of particular age groups, curfews for children and what the proper definitions are for the classifications of child or guardian.

Nothing in the policy is meant to supersede any state or local ordinance regarding the care and control of children within the boundaries of the state and local jurisdiction.

According to the policy, children under the age of 5 are never to be left alone in a public place in an unsupervised manner.

This includes all outdoor activities both in the housing area and in the base public areas.

Children ages 6 through 11 must be supervised indirectly, meaning that a parent, guardian or baby sitter shall always be within the immediate vicinity and be aware of the activities of the child although direct "eyes-on"

supervision, at the discretion of the parent, may not be necessary.

Children over the age of 12 years may not require supervision during non-curfew hours at the discretion of the parents or guardians.

However, parents and guardians shall be held accountable for the

activities of their children and are expected to exercise common sense and good judgment in caring for and controlling them.

The nighttime curfew aboard MCLB Barstow is from 10 p.m. until sunrise seven days a week.

Children under the age of 18 may not be in a public area without the supervision of a parent or guardian during curfew hours.

The daytime curfew is from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on school days.

The only exceptions to the curfew are:

- In the case of an emergency
- If returning directly home from a public meeting, school or entertainment

- In the case of a requirement to be in or at a public place due to lawful employment

Children found in violation of this policy should be reported to the military police.

They will be detained by the military police and held until a parent or guardian arrives to pick them up.

The military police will report the incident to the base inspector the following workday for appropriate action.

"We just want to reemphasize to the parents on base that the policy is in place for a reason, and that is to prevent any terrible accidents involving a young child," said Vanhovel.

"As a parent I think the hardest thing would be to lose a child, especially when it could have been prevented by the parent," he said.

For more information concerning the MCLB Barstow Base Policy Statement No. 06-01, visit the base intranet at ww.mclbonline.barstow.usmc.mil.

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With contribution deadlines approaching, DOD Officials and the MCLB Barstow base commander are urging participation in the annual ...

Combined Federal Campaign

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Defense Department employees donated \$13 million in the 2003

Combined Federal Campaign, and officials here hope to top that number this year.

At a campaign kick-off event in the Pentagon Sept. 28, DOD's Director of Administration and Management Raymond F. DuBois spoke about this year's campaign theme: Superheroes.

"All of us can be supermen and superwomen when it comes to helping those of our families and friends and neighbors who need our help," DuBois said.

Military and civilian employees choose which charity or charities they elect to support and can make straight donations or set up payroll deductions.

In 2003, DOD raised \$13 million for the campaign — \$1.5 million more than the agency's goal.

This year officials set a goal of \$12.1 million, and Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said he believes the department will again exceed its goal.

In a short speech during the kick-off ceremony, Wolfowitz likened donating to CFC to the work American service members are doing overseas.

Both, he said, are forms of selfless service.

"(Service members and civil servants) are helping people today, particularly in Afghanistan and Iraq, on a truly heroic scale," Wolfowitz said.

"While our armed forces serve us so faithfully, the charities of the Combined Federal Campaign give gifts of education, nutrition and other life-giving support to those who need it most."

The deputy secretary said it's important to note that most of the charities that responded to the tragedies of Sept. 11, 2001, are part of the Combined

Federal Campaign.

Likewise, he said, so are the charities that are providing humanitarian relief in hurricane-damaged sections of the southeastern United States.

"CFC organizations are once again making a huge difference in helping people put their lives back together," he said.

During MCLB Barstow's recent kick-off campaign, base commander Col. Steven J. Thompson called upon all base personnel to support to this worthy cause.

"It's important that we help organizations throughout the year...it's convenient, it's easy, and it's a worthwhile organization," he emphasized.

This year's coordinator, 2nd Lt. Ayanna Harrison, MCLB Barstow's base adjutant, said she is looking forward to another successful year aboard the base.

The goal this year, as in the past, is to make 100 percent contact with all MCLB Marines and civilian Marines. Oct. 18 is the cut off date of the campaign.



MCLB Barstow Points of Contact Combined Federal Campaign 2004

CFC contacts for this year's drive are as follows:

ASD -- Staff Sgt. Lafawn Skipper x6082

Special Staff -- Bertie Dailey x6430

MCCS -- Tina Sanchez x5893

Environmental Division -- Patty Estrada x5846

Installation & Logistics -- 1st Lt. Teddy Gilmore x6369

Fleet Support Division -- 1st Lt. Timothy Joyce x7601

Comptroller -- Staff Sgt. John Kenney x6621

Maintenance Center -- Staff Sgt. Perry Sikes x7269

Comm Division -- Staff Sgt. Thaniya Coleman x6172

C&P Office -- Staff Sgt. Latricia Garrett x6248

Human Resources Office -- Meredith Taylor x6478

SJA Office -- Staff Sgt. Johnny Sweredoski x6878

PMO -- Gunnery Sgt. Nicholas Betlewicz x6409

HqBn -- Staff Sgt. Daniel Dorado x6057

MCLB Barstow commander calls upon base personnel to prevent ...

Domestic Violence

Submitted by Marine and Family Services

Over the past decade, the Marine Corps and the National Coalition against Domestic Violence has commemorated October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. But what is domestic violence, and how does one recognize it, and more importantly what impact and effects does it have on one as a victim and offender/abuser in the United States Marine Corps?

Domestic Abuse according to MCO 1700.24B is defined as (1) domestic violence or (2) a pattern of behavior resulting in emotional/psychological abuse, economic control, and/or interference with personal liberty that is directed toward a person of the opposite sex who is: (a) a current or former spouse; (b) a person with whom the abuser shares a child in common; or (c) a current or former intimate partner with whom the abuser shares or has shared a common domicile.

Sometimes abusive relationships are easy to identify, other times the abuse may take subtle forms. In an abusive relationship, the abuser may use a number of tactics besides physical violence in order to maintain power and control over their spouse or victim.

It is important that one recognize the symptoms of this social blight that has no boundaries and affects all. Some tactics used to maintain power and control maybe through emotional and verbal abuse, such as put downs, name calling, and manipulation as well as mind games. Other tactics can be isolation, threats and intimidation. It is common for an abuser to isolate his or her victim/spouse through jealousy, demanding the victim not see their family and or friends. Common threats include, threats of violence or suicide, or taking away the children.

On the contrary, a healthy relationship is easily identifiable. Healthy Relationships share responsibility and decision making tasks and reflect respect for all the people in the relationship, including children. Other characteristics of a healthy relationship are non-threatening behavior, trust and support as well as honesty, freedom of expression and accountability. With honesty and freedom of expression, members of the relationship are free to express themselves autonomously, including different opinions or viewpoints supporting individuality.

So how does Domestic Violence affect the United States Marine Corps and family members? Offenders are somewhat less likely to be promoted and somewhat more likely to be separated from the service, possibly causing a financial hardship on the family. A percentage of victims live in constant fear, usually resulting in "psychological suicide," unable to feel adequate in making decisions about his/her children, household finances and independence.

Domestic Abuse doesn't just affect the victim and the offender, but also has impact on children. Reports show that children who witness domestic violence in the home tend to have low self-esteem, takes responsibility for the violence, have poor boundaries, suffer from fear, confusion, anxiety, insecurity and more dangerously continue with patterns of abuse in future relationships with spouses, children and friends.

It is important that we recognize the characteristics of an abusive relationship and strive towards promoting healthy relationships in our families. Healthy Homes ... Peace of Mind.

For more information about Domestic Violence contact your Family Advocacy Program representative at 577-6533.



MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE
Barstow, California

PROCLAMATION

Each October we, as Marines and Civilian Marines, are asked to reflect on one of the nation's most serious problems, domestic violence. It is the leading cause of non-accidental injury to family members and can escalate when vulnerable families face increased stresses due to deployments, military operations, and necessary relocation

Responding early and appropriately to those families is the highest of priority. As leaders, supervisors, associates, or neighbors, it is incumbent upon us to look for early signs of domestic violence. The chain of command, Marine and Family Services Division, Chaplain's Office, and Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society, are all tools we can employ to detect, deter, mitigate or resolve domestic violence. As leaders we must speak out and take a strong position in identifying and assisting these families in getting the help they need. When family issues are addressed early, and unnecessary tragedies are avoided, our community is strengthened and our Marines and civilian workforce are better able to focus on our mission.

Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow is committed to the prevention of domestic violence in all its forms. Therefore, I declare October 2004 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" across this military installation.

S. J. Thompson
S. J. THOMPSON
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Commanding



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello

Col. Steven J. Thompson, base commander, signs the Domestic Violence Awareness Month proclamation witnessed by William Boxx, head of Marine and Family Services Division.

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Work centers at Maintenance Center Barstow are constantly striving to provide better service and customer support. Modern ingenuity and an exemplary work ethic have recently proven Cost Work Center 733, the "radar shop", to be ...

Raising Standards of Excellence

By Lance Cpl. Nich R. Babb
Combat Correspondent

Flying through the extreme darkness of a damp cave, the predator hunts for its prey. He cannot see the poor defenseless morsel, but he knows the insect is there for him to eat. Then, in a flap of a wing, the meal transforms from living life, to being digested. It is the Big Brown Bat's built in radar system that located his dinner, and it is that same radar that gave the bat the ability to successfully catch and devour his prey.

Fortunately, the Marine Corps has this same radar capability, the members of Maintenance Center Barstow's Cost Work Center 733 will tell you. CWC 733 works on Integrated Radar Systems for the military, and has been successfully repairing the AN/TPS 59 radar systems in eight months average turnaround time.

However, the early days of planning protocol estimated it would take a total of 18 months to complete the repairs, said George Austin, the supervisor of CWC 733.

The AN/TPS 59 is able to detect Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, and is used by air traffic controllers in combat and garrison environments, said Austin. The radars have a maximum range of 400 miles, and are made up of 54 transmitters, antenna rows and receivers.

The demand for depot rebuilt systems to replace the degraded systems that the Marine Air Control Squadrons possessed and the recent air defense threats caused the need for

a short completion time, Austin said.

When rebuilding the radars, CWC 733 must first disassemble every component to the bare minimum, Austin said. The workers evaluate every component to see if it is serviceable or not by utilizing manufacturer and USMC specifications. After every part is in working order, the radars must be completely reassembled from the ground up, said Austin. During this reassembly period, everything must be tested, with the fully assembled radar going through a two-month long evaluation and burn-in.

CWC 733 is also required to rebuild an associated decoy radar system to be included with the whole radar system package, Austin said. The decoy does not look the same as the radar, but works by sending off the same signal as the real thing.

CWC 733 rebuilt its first AN/TPS 59 in 12 months despite the production hurdles that had to be overcome, Austin said.

The managers, supervisor, and product team set a goal to complete three radars in two years, which equates to eight months per radar.

However, CWC 733 finished their last three radar systems in less than eight months despite some of the production woes they had to face like losing their primary test-bed electronics shelter, the requirement to perform near-field testing, and adding the decoy radar as part of the rebuild package.

The mission could not be accomplished without the combined efforts of a highly knowledgeable staff, to include support

shops, planners, expeditors, production management teams, and quality inspectors.

"We have the hang of it, (repairing radar systems) and I have a pretty good staff," said Austin.

The short completion time of the radars is more cost effective, and demonstrates CWC 733's Lean Thinking ability, Austin said.

An asset, which helps CWC 733 finish testing faster, is a fiberglass-composite dome that is located right next to their shop, said Austin. This dome protects the radars from the wind, rain and sand that could damage a fledging radar system, and it allows the workers to test the radar whenever needed. The dome also is big enough to allow the radar to be completely opened up, he said.

Another facility, which shortens the time it takes to test the components of the radar, is known as an Anechoic Chamber, Austin said. The chamber was designed by Austin himself, and is used to test auxiliary antennas for the radar system. The chamber can absorb radar signals, both incidental and alien, which gives an antenna the best venue for the most accurate testing.

Austin said CWC 733 finishes their radars on or before the scheduled completion date, and do not intend to slow down. Everyday Austin searches for new ideas, which he hopes will help improve his production, he said.

Speedy repairs of radars saves money, and when it comes to saving money, the Marine Corps is all for it, and so is CWC 733.



The Radome is a 60-foot diameter fiberglass-composite dome which is used for testing the AN/TPS 59. The dome has a maximum capacity of about 113097.34 units cubed, and allows the radar system to be fully opened fully inside of it.



This is the frontside of the AN/TPS 59 when can detect Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles.

Photo by Lance Cpl. Nich R. Babb



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when it is fully opened. The AN/TPS 59 has a range of 400 miles, and
missiles.

Progress at MCB

Maintenance Center Barstow is constantly raising standards of excellence in operational maintenance and repair. Check out some of their recent accomplishments:

- **November to December, 2003** - Members of CWC 719, Paxman shop, travel to Bahrain for engine repairs with Naval Commander Amphibious Group-2.

- **January 2004** - CWC 713, Light Armored Vehicle shop, implements the "Theory of Constraints" philosophy to increase production capabilities. In July, the shop would report a 46 percent production increase.

- **March** - Teams from MCB embark on reactivating 43 M1150 tractors - each more than a decade old- for operational use.

- **May** - MCB opens an \$8.4 million paint and coating facility. The new facility boasts more than 38,000 square feet of production space, nearly double that of the old facility.

- **June** - An eight-member team of specialists from MCB deploy to various west coast installations to inspect and assess serviceability requirements on electronic and heavy mobile equipment.

- **July** - Civilian Marines from CWC 714 MK48 shop reports FY04 production had more than doubled due to increased operation tempo in support of OIF II.

- **August** - Marines from Bravo Battery, 1/11, visit MCB to gain a better understanding of the critical role MCB consistently plays in war fighting excellence.



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Norma "Cookie" Drummond, an electrical mechanic for Cost Work Center 733, works on a row receiver for a TPS 59. Drummond has been working at the CWC for about 11 months, but has been working for MCLB Barstow for three years.

Quarters of the Month - August -



Photo by Curt Lambert

Lance Cpl. Christopher Sherman accepts the enlisted quarters of the month award from Lt. Col. Danny Strand, the base executive officer.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Jamie Cobin, wife of Staff Sgt. Dale Cobin, and their son Trent accepts the staff noncommissioned officer quarters of the month award from Lt. Col. Danny Strand, base executive officer.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Army Chief Warrant Officer Ronald Petet, of the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., accepts the officer quarters of the month honors from Lt. Col. Danny Strand, base executive officer.

Gunny's Picks

Week 5



Congratulations to Louie Aviles, tractor operator supervisor at Fleet Support Division, who went 10 – 3 in the fourth week of the Gunny's Picks. Aviles, being a Chargers fan, was elated to get the news about winning and hearing that his beloved Chargers had stomped Tennessee. He said he felt bad for Raiders fans whose team fell to the Texans, but things happen. Aviles' upset pick for the upcoming weekend is the Chargers over the Jaguars. It's a good pick, af-

ter all last week's winner picked Arizona to beat New Orleans. It could happen again. Stay tuned. Good luck and good pickins'. The Bears, Bengals, Chiefs and Eagles have the week off. Here are the rest of the match ups for Week #5.

To submit your choices for Gunny's Picks, fill out this section of the newspaper and drop it off at the Public Affairs Office in the Green Wing of Building 15, or e-mail your picks to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

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| Detroit @ Atlanta* | Oakland @ Indianapolis* |
| Miami @ New England* | *Jacksonville @ San Diego |
| Tampa Bay @ New Orleans* | Buffalo @ NY Jets* |
| Cleveland @ Pittsburgh* | *Arizona @ San Francisco |
| *Minnesota @ Houston | St. Louis @ Seattle* |
| *NY Giants @ Dallas | Carolina @ Denver* |
| | *Baltimore @ Washington |

Monday Night

Tennessee @ Green Bay*

Total points: _____

Name, work section and phone number: _____

Monday night's game is a tie-breaker and must include a total score.

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around the installation.

The goal was to reduce air emissions using alternative energy source vehicles, and provide lighting to remote areas without paying excessive costs for the installation of new power lines and the increased electrical costs.

Since there is an abundance of sunlight in the Mojave Desert, it seemed logical that solar energy would be the most convenient, clean and safe alternative to reduce the use of petroleum products and air emissions and to provide the security lighting, according to the nomination.

Through extensive research it was discovered that MCLB could use photovoltaic systems, in the form of portable units to collect solar energy. The solar energy could then be used for electric powered vehicles and provide power to street and security lights without new electrical power lines.

By purchasing 50 GEM cars and six solar power pods, the base was able to reduce air emissions and save on energy and petroleum costs. The cars are plugged in to get a "fill up" from



Photo by Rob Jackson

From left to right: Randy Spencer, MCB environmental and safety manager, Col. Arthur Sass, MCB commander, Col. Steven J. Thompson, MCLB Barstow commanding officer, and Jack Stormo, supervisory environmental engineer, take a moment to display the Exemplar Awards presented by the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District Sept. 27.

the power stored in the pods.

The use of the photovoltaic street and security lighting systems made possible the use of lighting in remote areas without trenching and wiring through existing roads or any base property.

Maintenance Center Barstow was recognized for its new \$8.3 million, 38,000 square foot painting and undercoating facil-

ity, which opened in September 2003.

In the early 1990's it became apparent that the ever changing chemical composition of new and improved paints, coupled with some of the country's most stringent air regulations, would require MCB to upgrade the paint and coatings facilities and

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By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Convenience and Bargains

If looking for Fall values - find them right here at the MCX.

Right now the Harvest Sale is in progress with great savings. The sale lasts through Monday.

Planning a sports party? With all the football games and the Baseball Division Series games, sports parties are a great idea. To help with those parties, your MCX has a special on all chips at 10 percent off and Pepsi 2 liter bottles at only 69 cents each. This special is in conjunction with the Columbus Day Weekend Sale Friday through Monday.

Mondays are always tough days to get through. The MCX is here to help with the Beat the Monday Blues Sale. Every Monday in October look for Happy Face balloons that mark the sale items. Find some real bargains that will make Mondays a little easier to survive.

Many are already aware of services the MCX has to offer, but just a reminder, here are continuous values you'll find at your MCX: Check cashing services, the popular Coffee & Fountain Drink clubs, Discount dry cleaning, special orders, DVD/video rentals, Teleflora, U-Haul rentals, storage space

rentals and the Super Star Student Program.

The MCX Super Seven Store is open Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The MCX Super Seven Service Station is open the same as store hours, credit card sales 24/7. Call 256-8974 for more MCX information.

For store hours of your MCX Railroad Exchange in Yermo call 577-7782/7792.

A reminder: The MCX Super Seven Store Service Station is will be closed due to an Environmental Compliance Upgrade work from Oct. 4 through Oct. 26. The Super Seven Store will remain open during this time. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Club Happenings

At the Oasis Club tonight it's Team Poker Night. If you know when to hold and when to fold and can keep that renowned "poker face" you should be over there tonight.

The winner not only has some impressive bragging rights but also can choose from a variety of prizes to claim as this week's champ.

Tomorrow is TGIFriday Family Night. Bring the family on over for some

MCCS Columbus Day Holiday Hours

MCCS facilities open Monday:
 Semper Fit: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Super Seven Store: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Tees & Trees Golf Course: 7 a.m. to Dusk
 Menu service (A La Carte) 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Family Restaurant
 Enlisted Club: Opens at 10 a.m.
 All other MCCS facilities will be closed.



Additional closures:
 The Hobby Shops and Bowling Center will be closed on Oct. 10-11

grilled or smoked fish. You furnish the fish (you don't have to catch it and haul it in from the Barstow docks) you can buy your fish right there - you pick out what you want and then how you want it cooked. Join us Friday night.

Monday is Monday Night Football starting at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, buy your favorite BBQ steak and prepare it right here, then enjoy a free movie. It all starts at 5 p.m.

At the Enlisted Club tonight come on over and play some darts. There's some very good players on base, you might be one of them, you'll never know until you "give it a shot!" If darts isn't your forte you might try a game of pool. Get a cue stick and let's see how good you are! 5 p.m. is when everything gets started.

Tomorrow night is TGIFriday Family Night. Everything starts at 6 p.m.

Saturday is College Football with bar and grill. Now this is how to enjoy a football game! It all starts at 5 p.m.

Sunday is NFL Sunday Ticket on Direct TV. Football at it's best. Doors open at 10 a.m.

Monday is Monday Night Football starting at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, for the crooners, rockers and rappers out there, this is your night! Karaoke! Here's your chance to show them what you've got. It all begins at 6 p.m.

Wednesday is mid-week and time to pause for a break with the Mid-Week Relaxation Hour. We could all use this hour. It begins at 5 p.m.

There's lots of activities at the clubs - participate and enjoy them.

Lunch Menus

You can find the weekly lunch menus for the Family Restaurant, Cactus Cafe and Lanzer's Lounge as well as the Family Night Dining menus in the MCCS E-News and the MCCS Events Guide. Events Guides can be found at all MCCS facilities on Nebo as well as Yermo.

TV Shows

Want to see a TV show being taped? Here's your chance. The Single Marine Program is sponsoring a trip to "The Best Damn Sports Show Period" and

to "Steve Harvey's Big Time." The event will take place on Oct. 19.

Open to anyone 18 years or older. There's limited seating so sign up as soon as you can. The deadline to sign up is Monday.

The cost is a refundable deposit of \$27 required when you sign up for the trip. No refund if you cancel within 48 hours of the show taping.

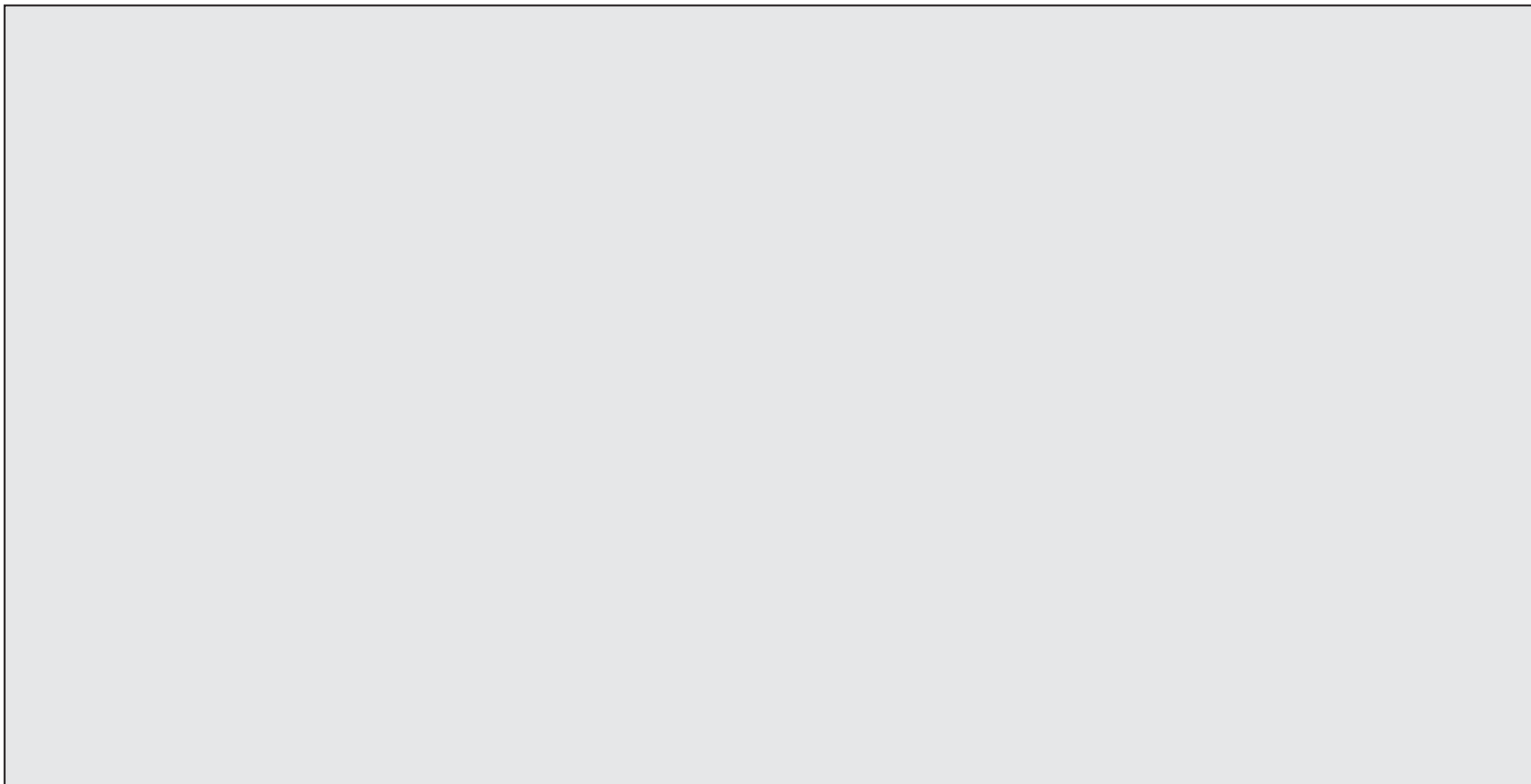
Those interested call Lance Cpl. Craig Smith at 577-6686.

Cross Country Runners

Are you good enough for the challenge? Here's a long distance competition that will test your mettle.

MCCS Sports and Athletics Program is looking for Cross Country Runners to form a team for the All-Marine Championships to be held Dec. 9 through 12 at Camp Pendleton.

Interested Marines should contact the Recreation Program Manager at 577-6817 or email sharon.morison@usmc.mil no later than Oct. 15.



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associated air pollution control systems to remain compliant and competitive in today's world marketplace.

Prior to opening the new facility at least six coating operations were still being conducted in booths or outside areas where there were no emissions controls.

As a result, and due to the Maintenance Center's dedication to improving conditions for both the environment and its employees, and to provide customer satisfaction, MCB spent years researching various paint booth and air pollution control systems. It also spent time planning and funding a major project that encompasses the existing uncontrolled painting operations into one facility that would significantly reduce volatile organic compound emissions.

The results of Maintenance Center's long hours and research produced a new facility, which consolidated under one roof, operations that were being performed in four separate locations around MCB. The new facility is equipped with a wide variety of modern technological equipment, allowing the Maintenance Center to become one of the most sophisticated paint and coating facilities in all of the Department of Defense.

Some of features of this new facility include a Thermal Oxidation Air Pollution Control System for complete

VOC destruction; In-line APCS zeolite concentrators to reduce energy consumption; preheated intake air in the paint booths to ensure correct temperature during painting; and the entire building is insulated and climate controlled.

The result of this undertaking has produced a VOC emission reduction of approximately 11,549 pounds per year, equivalent to 5.8 tons.

In addition, it provides safer working conditions for the employees and allows the Maintenance Center to increase its workload substantially without compromising air quality.

It also ensures, for future generations, a safe and highly productive and environmentally compliant facility fully capable of meeting all of its customer's current and future paint and coating requirements.

Both commanders, upon receiving the award, acknowledged the efforts of the Marines and employees on the base responsible for the success of their environmental accomplishments and can expect to see more of the Exemplar Awards during their tenure.

Editor's Note:

Information for this article was provided by the nominations packages put together by Susan Knutson, MCLB Barstow air compliance program manager.

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result being that people pretty much forget about God in their everyday lives except as a passing idea. There is no longer any real sense of reverence or the concept of a being that is "wholly other." I think this is a premise we could usefully employ in our lives today.

So the discussion went on that day, but the discussion had been taken to what some would call extreme because even to simply pluck the grains of food while you were walking along was considered work and therefore was forbidden whether you were hungry or not.

What you have here is an example of what happens when people get involved in trying to make the law of grace and love into something more than was intended. Somehow the intention of the rule had been lost and those who followed it had become blind.

Thus, when Jesus entered this discussion, his response was to perform a miracle. He chose to heal a man with a withered hand. He did this to demonstrate, in his words, that he was the Lord of

the Sabbath.

Instead of being excited that a person who was disabled had been restored, these folks managed to find the negative aspect of the event. There should have been much rejoicing and happiness over the blessing of healing and instead there was anger and vitriol. I suppose it would be like someone today saying that if a person were restored to full physical functioning after an accident that they would now be subject to working too hard or too long.

Certainly, there is always a negative side to everything, but why not look for the positive? Doesn't it take just as much effort to see the negative side of events as it does the positive? Isn't it more rewarding to see the positive side of things? I think that there is a lesson here for us and that lesson is that we have a choice about how we respond to every situation. We can respond by seeing the positive or we can respond by seeing the negative. Which you will you choose?

Peace,

Fr Randel

1963 CORVAIR: 8-passenger van, \$1,500. See at 317 Second Street in Yermo. Call 254-3569.

1988 TOYOTA: Pick-up truck, 4X4, new paint, new tires, vehicle overheated needs new engine, \$1,500. Call 256-2434.

MISCELLANEOUS: Overhead camper, 8-foot, stove, two-way Fridge, gas – electric air condition, \$600. See at 317 Second street, Yermo. Call 254-3569

MISCELLANEOUS: Sofa and loveseat, South West design, both for \$175; dryer, Maytag \$75. Call 256-2434.

MISCELLANEOUS: Large washer/dryer; 20" TV; daybed; Papa San chair; size 8 women's roller-blades; 80-CD organizer; full mattress and box-spring, first offer sells. Call 885-9977.

MISCELLANEOUS: King bed (wool pillow top mattress) and frame, good condition, \$350; dining table with leaf and 4 upholstered chairs \$125; couch, upholstered and 8' in length, \$100. Call 247-3871.

MISCELLANEOUS: Two new 205/75R15 tires, \$25 each; two new 225/75R15 tires, \$25 each; large dog carrier (airline approved), \$30. Call 954-1674.

THANK YOU: I want to thank all the MCLB people that I have worked with over the years for their kindness, warmth and friendship. I have enjoyed my years here so much, but am looking forward to enjoying my retirement now. I will miss all of you since you have been my extended family. Donna Wilder.

