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## Sanchez reflects on Hispanics' role in the military

By Samantha L. Quigley  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—To commemorate National Hispanic Heritage Month, the U.S. military's highest-ranking Hispanic officer described Hispanics' role in the military as one of mutual benefit.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of the Army's 5th Corps in Germany, said the military can help Hispanics find their way out of poverty, and the military gets great dedication in return.

"I think what (Hispanic servicemembers) bring is tremendous loyalty, tremendous dedication to our country and to our democratic values," said Sanchez during a Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service interview Sept. 16. "We also bring the diversity to our services that is so powerful in making us the great military that we are."

In the past few years, Sanchez said, there has been an effort to increase the representation of minorities, Hispanics in particular, in the military.

Sanchez said that maintaining Hispanic representation in the military has been difficult and remains a challenge, particularly in the officer corps. "Part of that difficulty is that Hispanics are not graduating from

high school and then not going on to college to get commissioned," he said.

In general, across American society, Hispanics are making contributions across all of society, said Sanchez, who formerly commanded Combined Joint Task Force 7 in Iraq.

"I think it is a well-known fact that the soldier, the servicemember, that leaves the military and reintegrates back into society in civilian life is a lot more disciplined, is a lot more mature, and has a perspective on our democratic principles and has perspective on world issues that is much greater than the average initial hire out there in our society," he said.

In looking at the recent past, Sanchez said he sees an increased representation of Hispanics across all sectors of society. This is due, in part, to the increase in the Hispanic population, now the largest minority group in the United States, and an increased emphasis on education. "I think there is a very powerful base that can be garnered if we can, in fact, encourage continued education, encourage that segment of our culture," Sanchez said.

The general said opportunities exist for Hispanic servicemembers. Sanchez admitted his military service as a minority officer hasn't always been smooth

sailing, but many people helped him along the way.

"There have been challenges as a minority officer within this institution," Sanchez said. "But when I look back and think about all the superiors that helped me succeed, you can't help but accept that this is probably one of the best institutions in our country for providing equal opportunity to all of its members. And our procedures and our systems are such that it does give every segment of our society the ability to be successful."

The system, he said, provides the opportunity for success based on potential and competence, allowing for true equality.

He noted that in his career he has met Hispanic soldiers who were not American citizens but were dedicated to the American way of life — the freedoms and the opportunities.

With National Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, Sanchez said it's important for the military to celebrate diversity in the armed forces. "When I look at our Army in the different theaters that I have served in, . . . we have all of our ethnicities, all of our races represented, and this is a concept

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Photo by Rob L. Jackson

Kai Martin salutes after receiving a commander's coin, presented by Air Force Staff Sgt. Harvey Wagenmaker, during a luncheon honoring former POWs and those still listed as MIA Sept. 17 at the Oasis Club. Martin was captured at Bataan in 1942 and spent the next three years and six months in captivity. For more POW/MIA photos see Page 6.

## MCLB Barstow to host Rodeo

By Rob L. Jackson  
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Barstow Rodeo Stampede will be making its way to the Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Stables, just outside the Yermo Annex gate, Saturday and Sunday.

Events for Saturday are scheduled to kick off at 7:30 p.m. and the final go-round on Sunday will start at 5 p.m.

One of the attractions at this year's event will include Muttin Bustin', a fun event which offers children, 10 years and younger, an opportunity to ride a sheep bareback.

The children must also be less than 60 pounds, according to Mal Wessel, one of the event coordinators.

The Stampede will also feature some of world's best professional cowboys and cowgirls within the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association circuit.

Last year, the Barstow Rodeo Stampede featured more than 300 of the world's best rodeo champion cowboys and cowgirls, including the 2002 Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame inductee and 2000

Pro Rodeo All-Around Cowboy champion Joe Beaver, so fans and spectators can expect the same turnout for this year's event.

Also look for a new Little Miss Teen, Teen and Queen to be crowned during the event on Sunday.

The age group for each crown is 8 to 12 for Little Miss Teen Queen; 13 – 16 years for Teen Queen, and 17 – 23 for the Queen.

Tickets are on sale now at the Information, Tickets and Tours Office, located in MCLB Barstow's Bowling Center, Building 342. Call ITT at 577-6541 for more information.

Tickets are also on sale at the NTC Ft. Irwin Tickets N' Tours office. Call 380-4767 for information.

Rodeo tickets can also be obtained at the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, Soutar's Dodge, Desert Community Bank, Peggy Sue's Nifty 50's Diner and the Boot Barn in Victorville.

For more information about the Barstow Rodeo Stampede, call 252-3093.

# Study shows 15 percent increase in candle fires from 2000

Compiled by  
National Fire Protection Association

New data from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) show that candles are becoming an increasingly prevalent cause of home fires. Candles started fires in 18,000 homes in 2001, a 15 percent rise from 2000, and more than triple the number in 1990.

After declining from 1980 to 1990, candle-related home fires started increasing in 1991, and since 1995, each year has seen a new high in the number of fires blamed on candles. In 2001, candle fires in the home were responsible for an estimated 190 civilian deaths, 1,450 civilian injuries and \$265 million in property damage.

What underlies this devastation? First, candles have become more popular: According to the National Candle Association, seven out of 10 households use candles. Second, many people don't realize how quickly something can go wrong, and don't know the rules for safe candle use. One-third of these fires occurred after candles were left unattended, abandoned or inadequately controlled. One-quarter occurred when combustible material came too close to the flame. And 6 percent were started by people—usually children—playing with the candle.

Another important factor may be poverty. As many as one-third of people killed in candle fires were using them for light because their power had been shut off.

Even as candle-caused fires increase, the number of home fires is dropping. So the proportion of home fires related to candles has been growing, according to the NFPA study. In 2001, candle fires accounted for 4.7 percent of home fires, compared with 1.1 percent in the early 1980s.

Four out of 10 candle fires start in the bedroom, and one in six start in common rooms, living rooms, family rooms or dens. Nearly half the people killed by candle fires in the home were younger than 20; children ages 5 to 9 accounted for a disproportionate share of the victims, with a candle-fire death rate 2.5 times higher than the general population.

Candle fires are most common in December, perhaps because candles are frequently a part of

holiday decorating and rituals. Eleven percent of the candle fires in December started when decorations were ignited.

The NFPA offers these tips for safe candle use:

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from things that can catch fire, such as clothing, books, paper, curtains, Christmas trees, or decorations.
- Place candles on stable furniture in sturdy holders that won't tip over and that are big enough to collect dripping wax.
- Don't place lit candles in windows, where

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## Why war over words?

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood  
Base Chaplain



Every once in a while I am surprised by discovering just how pertinent the Holy Bible can be for today. By that I mean what I read does not require deep thought or incisive theological debate to uncover its meaning.

Certainly, there are many places like that in Scripture, but one stood out to me recently that I would like to write about today. I hope this will give us all pause for thought.

If you care to read the passage yourself, it is found in the Christian Scriptures, 2 Timothy 2:14-26. The writer is speaking directly to a young minister who is dealing with a group of church people.

As you know, church people are very human and so you have a mix of good and not so good. In this case the writer, whom is believed to be Saint Paul, is telling Timothy some important things

to avoid. He begins by saying that Timothy should tell his congregation to "avoid wrangling over words..." He says to do this because it "does no good but only ruins those who are listening."

I read that and thought how much the same it is today. People have still not learned in all this time that words are powerful and arguing over the meaning of words most of the time does no one any good at all. In the theological world we call it "splitting hairs." What that means is that when a word or phrase can have more than one possible meaning someone takes the most arcane possibility and argues some theological point from that position. The probability of that meaning being the one intended is virtually nil, yet they insist that it is a possibility and must then be accepted as a defensible position.

In the end, these kinds of discussions merely confuse those who are not grounded in what they believe and detract from those in the discussion because most people can see the pettiness involved. Apparently, this is a tough lesson to learn.

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## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Lance Cpl. Nich R. Babb

Lance Cpl. Jason A. Pittman, a recreation attendant at the base physical fitness center, folds a pile of clean towels for patrons. Pittman is a military policeman by military occupational specialty for the Provost Marshal's Office, who is currently working at the fitness center.

### Chapel Services

Protestant Sunday 8:30 a.m.  
For more information, call 577-6849.

### Religious Events

Morning prayer, Building 15 ASD 8:30 a.m. Tuesdays  
Lunch time episcopal mass, Building 128, Blessed Sacrament Chapel 11 a.m. Thursdays.  
Seekers Bible Study, Building 126, Religious Ministries Center 5 p.m. Wednesdays.

### 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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# News Briefs

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon Thursdays for the next week's issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to [editor@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@barstow.usmc.mil).

## Ball Fundraiser

The Marine Corps Birthday Ball Committee is scheduled to hold a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Wednesday at the Base Gym to raise money for this year's Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Cost is \$10 per player.

## Safety Shoes

Safety shoes are available for purchase Wednesday at the following locations:

Yermo: Parking lot in front of Building 573 from 7 to 11 a.m.

Nebo: Parking lot across from Building 236 (east end) from noon to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Agnes Bialkowski at 577-6266.

## Hispanic Heritage Luncheon

The Hispanic Employment Program Committee is sponsoring the Hispanic Heritage Luncheon Sept. 30 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Oasis Club.

Former Korean War prisoner of war, David Villafana will be the guest speaker.

Chili Verde, beef enchilada casserole, rice, beans and ice tea will be served. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 23.

For more information or tickets, contact Marva Johnson at 577-6965, Davis Mendez at 577-7173, Ed Tintos at 577-7193, Philip Peralta at 577-7127, Delane Romero at 577-7312, Anita Lewis at 577-6788, Barbara Rodriguez at 577-6247, Stanley Padilla at 577-7127.

## Hazardous Waste Disposal

There have been numerous instances of hazardous materials being dropped off at the less than 90 day facilities, Building 632 at Yermo and Building 27 at Nebo, while no one is there. Hazardous wastes only are to be brought to these buildings; hazardous materials are not to be disposed of at these locations.

To return unused hazardous materials, contact Freezy Smalls at 577-7027.

Contact Dave Tousseau at 577-6758 with any questions regarding the proper return of hazardous wastes.

## Flag Football

Come on out and participate in the new Flag Football League starting for all military personnel, dependents and civilian workers of MCLB Barstow.

There will be a coaches meeting Sept. 30, in the base gym at 5 p.m. Players are welcome to attend. The season is scheduled to begin Oct. 12.

A minimum of six teams is needed to start a league. A maximum of 12 players will be permitted per team. A team roster should be brought to the meeting.

More information will be provided at the coaches meeting.

If you have any questions, contact

Capt. James Boerigher at 577-6801 or Gunnery Sgt. Tad Snidecor at 577-6686.

## 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 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 start Monday and end Nov. 1, and are 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.

If you have any questions on ticket sales, contact Staff Sgt. Sikes at 577-4360 or Danielle Heinze at 577-6408.

For room reservations, call 1-800-386-7867 and use code SCMI110.

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 at noon on Nov. 11.

## Marine Corps Marathon

MCCS is currently in the process of securing a MAC flight to the Marine Corps Marathon, scheduled to be held Oct. 31 in Quantico, Va.

Space is limited to 40 people, but a waiting list will be created once these slots have been filled.

For more information or to be added on the list, contact Michele Bean at DSN 267-7700 or Bob Stopp at DSN 267-4127.

## Industrial Equipment

Effective immediately, all vehicle and industrial equipment (forklifts, engineering equipment) accidents on base are to be reported to the Provost Marshal's Office, Accident Investigation section. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Government vehicles assigned to MCLB Barstow that are involved in accidents off base are to be reported to PMO. Contact John Hines at 577-6296 with any questions.

## Water Outage

Water outages are scheduled for the following dates, times and locations.

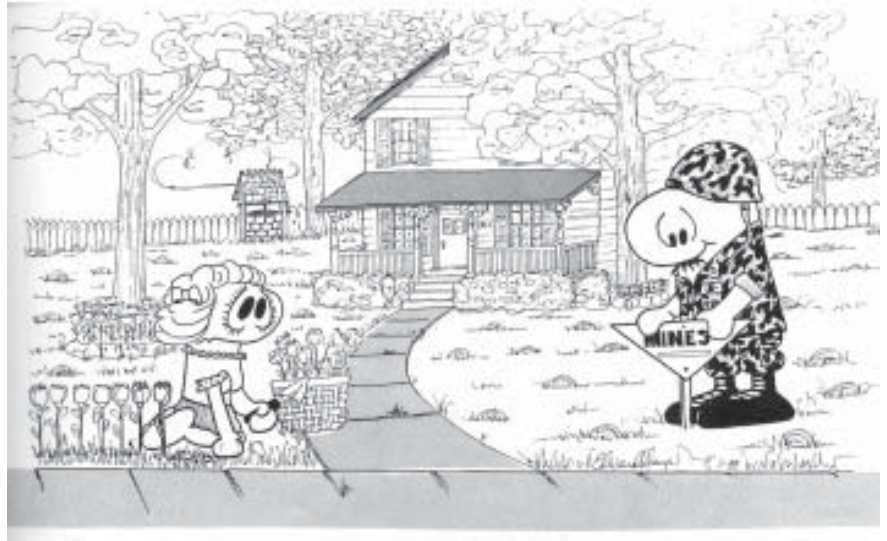
Saturday from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. near C and 12th Street and Building 582.

Monday from 7 to 10 a.m. in Building 625

Tuesday from 7 to 11 a.m. in Build-

101 things you should **never** ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to plant things around the yard.

ing 598 and from noon to 4:30 p.m. in Buildings 621 and 428.

Wednesday from 7 to 11 a.m. in Building 635 and from noon to 4:30 p.m. in Building 551.

## New Leader Program

Headquarters Marine Corps is now taking nominations for the New Leader Program. This is a program offered to civilians GS-7 through 11 and equivalent positions.

Tuition, travel and per diem will be funded by HQMC.

The New Leader Program is a six

month leadership development program designed to develop future public service leaders by providing assessment, experiential learning and individual development opportunities.

Class begins March 20, 2005. Application packages must be submitted to the CCLD office no later than Nov 22. For more information, contact Lisa Akers at 577-6658.

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they may ignite blinds or curtains  
- Place candles only in areas where

they won't be knocked over by children or pets.

- Extinguish taper and pillar candles when they get within two inches of the holder or decorative material. Extinguish votive and filled candles before the last half-inch of wax starts to melt.

- Avoid candles with combustible materials embedded in them, or with holders or decorations that could ignite.

- Don't allow children or teens to have candles in their bedrooms.

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# Job Watch

Ann. No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
SW5801-04-187545-DE	Tire Repairer WG-5801-06	08-31-04	09-16-04	09-02-04	MCLB Barstow
SW6910-04-202136-DE	Materials Expediter WG-6910-07	08-31-04	09-16-04	09-02-04	MCLB Barstow
SW7009-04-202132-DE	Equipment Cleaner WG-7009-04	09-10-04	09-24-04	09-10-04	MCLB Barstow
SW0081-04-201566-DE	Firefighter (Paramedic) GS-0081-4/5/7/9	09-10-04	09-20-04	09-14-04	MCLB Barstow
SW5423-04-202118-DE	Sandblaster WG-5423-07	09-13-04	09-24-04	09-14-04	MCLB Barstow
SW2005-04-204392-DE	Supply Clerk GS-2005-04	09-14-04	09-20-04	09-16-04	MCLB Barstow

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

For information regarding Open Continuous announcements point your browser to <http://www.donbr.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 Barstow Marine selected for Warrant Officer

*Exchange manager's hard work pays off with selection*

**By Lance Cpl. Nich R. Babb**  
Combat Correspondent

There is not much to do in the town of Pittsfield, Mass., for an excited new high school graduate. An industrial town where most girls her age get married and for fun attend sheep-tacular sheep exhibitions with sheep art and shepherd's-pie cook offs, according to the city's Web site. One thing she certainly could do though, is join the United States Marine Corps, and that is exactly what she did.

Sgt. Rebecca L. Wilkinson, exchange manager at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Marine Corps Exchange, has been selected to warrant officer and scheduled for promotion this February.

After going to college for a year, Wilkinson joined the Marine Corps to become a military policeman in 1993, she said. In 1995 she went overseas to complete a tour in Okinawa, Japan.

It was during this time of her career where she was victorious in a board competition and promoted meritoriously to the rank of corporal, Wilkinson said.

After her first four years she then went on reserve status, but volunteered for Active Duty Special Work to help with the closing of Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, she said. During this assignment, she was introduced to the inner workings of the supply, logistics and exchange

services on Marine Corps bases. For her efforts she was meritoriously promoted again to the rank of sergeant.

In 1999 she was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, and became a dental assistant and office manager in the city of Barstow.

While doing that, she did not feel like she was living up to her potential and decided to re-enlist in the Marine Corps in 2001, she said.

Unfortunately, when she re-enlisted she had to accept two main changes from what she was accustomed to. The first, involved changing her military occupational specialty to a Morale, Welfare and Recreation Specialist, which works with the operations, management, and supervision of Marine Corps exchanges and clubs. The second, required her to come back in as the rank of corporal instead of sergeant, said Wilkinson.

She agreed to the changes, and conveniently was stationed at MCLB Barstow when she came back on active duty, she said.

During this time she completed a bachelor's degree in management and human resources from Park University, which was an addition to her first degree, an associate's degree in criminal justice from Irvine Valley College she received in 1998.

In 2003 she deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During her time in

Iraq, Wilkinson had to learn the Army, Air Force Exchange Services way of providing products to troops, she said. This helped her expand her knowledge in military exchange services. Also, this is where she met Chief Warrant Officer Carlos Holt, who wrote a recommendation letter for her to put in her warrant officer submission package.

A reason why Wilkinson chose to become a warrant officer was that she felt she could help accomplish the Marine Corps mission better as an expert in her field, she said.

Wilkinson worked for her degrees, and wants to have a positive median to apply her knowledge through.

The Warrant Officer Program was not the first program Wilkinson applied for, she said. So when she was chosen for warrant officer, she felt she finally got what she deserved.

"It's amazing, I applied for three other commissioning programs, and it felt good to know the hard work has paid off," she said.

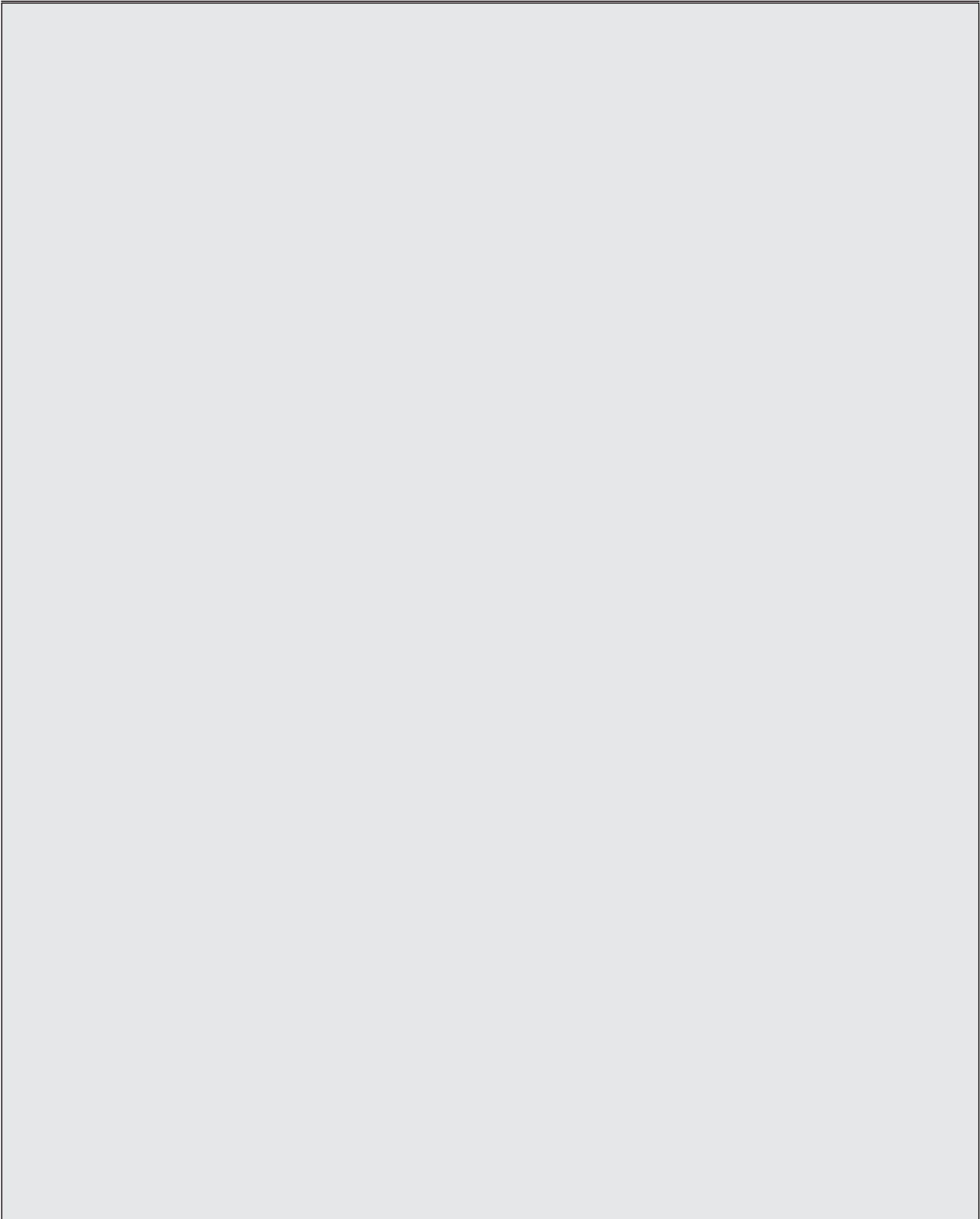
It was not Wilkinson's individual efforts that got her chosen for warrant officer, she said. Wilkinson knew the two exchange managers before her who were selected for warrant officer, Staff Sgt. Eric A. Littlejohn and Staff Sgt. Anthony Cisneros, and they helped her realize her potential. Wilkinson also attributes a lot of her success to her husband; retired Marine Master Sgt. Richard Wilkinson, and is thankful for the support from her family and friends.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Nich R. Babb

Sgt. Rebecca L. Wilkinson, exchange manager and Pittsfield, Mass., native, is the third MCLB Barstow Marine to be selected to warrant officer.

Wilkinson leaves for the warrant officer's course in February at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. After completing the 13-week course, Wilkinson will be stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.





# Local heroes honored, remembered during POW/MIA Day

Right: From left to right: Kai Martin, Orville Gilmore, George Owens, Andrew Ramirez, Arturo Benavidez, Chester Mathis, Harry Smith and David Villafana all High Desert former POWs honored during MCLB Barstow's POW/MIA Recognition Day held Sept. 17 at the Oasis Club. Martin, an Army Air Corps master sergeant at the time was captured at Bataan and spent three years and six months in captivity. Gilmore was a Marine corporal at the time of his capture at Corregidor in 1942. He was released in 1945. Owens was an Army private when captured at Kasserine Pass, North Africa, in 1943. He was released at the end of World War II. Ramirez, was an Army staff sergeant performing route reconnaissance in 1999 in Macedonia during the Kosovo Conflict when captured by Serbian forces. He spent 32 days as a POW before his release. Benavidez was an Army private in 1943 when he was captured at Anzio Beach, Italy and spent 13 months as a POW before his release. Mathis was a Marine technical sergeant when captured in Korea in 1950, he was released at Freedom Village in 1953. Smith was an Army private first class machine gunner when Bataan was overrun by the Japanese in 1942; he eluded enemy forces for 25 days by swimming to Corregidor but was captured when it fell. David Villafana had been an Army private in Korea for 11 days when captured in 1950; he was released in 1953.



Photo by Rob L. Jackson



Photo by Rob L. Jackson

Left: Former POW Chester Mathis is presented a commander's coin by Sgt. Carlos Barrientos during a luncheon honoring high desert former Prisoners of War and those still listed as Missing in Action. Mathis was captured in Korea in 1950. After his release in 1953 at Freedom Village on the 38th Parallel, he rose to the rank of first sergeant before retiring in 1958.



Photo by Rob L. Jackson

Above: Col. Steven J. Thompson, MCLB Barstow base commander, enjoys a light moment with Mr. and Mrs. David Villafana, during a luncheon for POW/MIA Recognition Day. Villafana, a former POW, was captured in 1950 in Korea and released in 1953.



Photo by Rob L. Jackson

Left: Lance Cpl. Devin Cantrell, base stableman at the MCLB Barstow Base Stables, displays Duncan, the riderless horse, during a luncheon honoring former Prisoners of War and those still Missing in Action.

# SMP rides the rapids on whitewater rafting trip



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden

Lance Cpls. Christine Ramsey, Stephen Lunny and Jose Santos; Pfc. Johanna Herrera and Staff Sgt. Travis Snyder paddle down the river.

**By Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden**  
 Combat Correspondent

Ten Marines participating in Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow's Single Marine Program took the challenge and rafted the Middle Fork American River, in Foresthill, Calif. During the 9-hour endeavor, Marines rafted through class III and IV rapids and a 30-foot waterfall Sept. 15 through 17.

Tents, sleeping bags and most importantly coolers containing food, were grabbed and hauled into the mountains of Foresthill as Marines camped for two nights. Cold mornings and nights brought the 10 Marines together around a fire, which soon warmed everyone enough to tell jokes and ghost stories.

"I really had a lot of fun myself, but I would have to say the best thing about the trip was the camaraderie among the Marines," said Staff Sgt. Travis Snyder, a tracked vehicle repairer for MCLB Barstow's Fleet

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Photo by Lance Cpl. Elizabeth Macias Rojo

MCLB Barstow Marines "surf" a rapid during the whitewater rafting trip held Sept. 16. "Surfing" is a technique where boat crews try to get caught in a reversal, which is the spot where water flows against the current to try to fill a space that is left when water runs over a rock in the river.

Right: A man-made rapid, Tunnel Chute, was created when miners in the 1800's blasted through the mountain to reroute the river, thinking that if they drained the natural bend in the river they would be able to collect all the gold on the river bed when the water was redirected. This was one of the most technical rapids the Marines rafted on the trip.



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden

Right: Barstow Marines and their guide Bubba, practice what it should feel like when all passengers in the raft paddle together, without teamwork, there can sometimes be disastrous results when encountering more difficult rapids. This was done before entering and starting the rafting trip because the first thing on the river at the entry point is a class III rapid called "Panic Alley."



Photo by Lance Cpl. Ashley Warden

## RAFTING from Above

Support Division. "As the Marines were sitting by the fire telling jokes and sea stories, everyone could relate and share their own experiences. The morale and esprit de corps was very high."

As the fire died down, Marines, full from s'mores and other choice items, entered tents and went to sleep to prepare for a full day of rafting.

Early the next morning the Marines awoke to enter the icy water of the Middle Fork American, which is steeped in the history of the California Gold Rush.

Many of the Marines on the trip had never done whitewater rafting before.

"It was exciting, fun and my first time," said Lance Cpl. Elizabeth Macias Rojo, administration clerk. "Everything went well: the rafting, camping and the way the Marines behaved."

"Absolutely, a success is an understatement," said Snyder. "I didn't hear one complaint about anything. From the first minute we arrived at the camp site everyone was helping each other set up our bivouac site, to assisting in making chow, to starting the campfire. Once on the river the Marines had to work as a team to successfully maneuver through the rapids. (During) lunch break the Marines took the initiative to assist the guides in setting up chow for the other groups, really confirming their professionalism.

There were numerous comments from the other groups stating how well the Marines acted and took charge in every aspect they could volunteer. These Marines truly displayed a 'Band of Brothers and Sisters!'"

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that a lot of societies have not been able to embrace," Sanchez said. "We're a country that provides equal opportunity based on our democratic principles."

He said the fact that all ethnicities are represented gives America its strength and makes the U.S. Army the best in the world.

As for the best way for commands to celebrate Hispanic heritage during the month, Sanchez said leaders must commit to ensuring that all minorities, not just Hispanics, understand the significance of their service.

"It's about ensuring that those minority groups understand the value of their service, the value of the contributions that they have made as individuals and also as a segment of the society to the overall good of America," Sanchez said.

## CHAPLAIN from Page 2

If you don't believe me, just look and listen for a while.

The second thing Saint Paul writes about is another real gem. He says, "have nothing to do with stupid and senseless

controversies; you know they breed quarrels." That really hit the mark as well. Do we find ourselves arguing about minutia? I think sometimes that is what it seems like. Yet many times we find it impossible to keep from being embroiled in them. I often wonder what would happen if everyone figured out a way to stop "being involved in stupid and senseless quarrels."

In today's world I think it would cause a dramatic decline in the number of lawsuits and other legal actions that are based on people being overly sensitive and looking for a quick way to gain some liquid assets. Both of these concepts "wrangling over words" and "avoiding senseless quarrels" seem to be almost insurmountable obstacles. Without a doubt, much time and energy are dedicated to these two furtive adversaries.

How do we stop?

I believe we stop by first of all being honest with ourselves. That means being able to confront ourselves when our motives are divisive instead of heartening. After being honest with ourselves, if we find that we are arguing just for the sake of trying to win the argument of to be the "devils advocate" then that is the time we should try and stop ourselves by remembering that nothing good comes out of senseless arguments. It may take awhile to make those kinds of changes, but the pay off is worth it!  
 Peace,  
 Fr Randel

## Gunny's Picks

Week 3



Congratulations to Joe Sanchez, of Fleet Support Division's Packing Area, winner of this week's Gunny's Picks. Sanchez, a Green Bay Packers fan, went 12 - 4 to include the Monday Night game between the Vikings and Eagles. Although Green Bay lost a heart breaker to Chicago, Sanchez expects the Pack to pull an upset against the Colts this weekend. He also picks the Raiders to thump the Buccaneers. To his co-workers at FSD Sanchez said, "keep playing the Gunny' Picks, we haven't had many winners lately." Good luck and good pickins'. The Bills, Patriots, Jets and Panthers have the week off.

Here are the rest of the match ups for Week 3.  
 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 Red Wing of Building 15, or e-mail your picks to [editor@barstowasm.com](mailto:editor@barstowasm.com).

- New Orleans @ St. Louis\*
- \*Pittsburgh @ Miami
- Chicago @ Minnesota\*
- \*Cleveland @ NY Giants
- Arizona @ Atlanta\*
- \*Baltimore @ Cincinnati
- \*Philadelphia @ Detroit

- Jacksonville @ Tennessee\*
- Houston @ Kansas City\*
- San Diego @ Denver\*
- Green bay @ Indianapolis\*
- San Francisco @ Seattle\*
- Tampa Bay @ Oakland\*

### Monday Night

Dallas @ Washington\*

Total points: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, work section and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Monday night's game is a tie-breaker and must include a total score.

# MCCS

**MARINE CORPS** Community Services Barstow

By Jim Gaines

MCCS Publicity

### Specials at MCK

The MCX has some featured bargains this week:

Breville Muffin Magic. Make bakery style muffins in your own kitchen in minutes. Bargain priced at \$29.99.

Craftsman 4-in-1 level featuring Laser Tra! Never have crooked pictures again with this handy tool, only \$29.99.

Check out Nautica selection of men's clothing. Name brand clothing at outlet prices!

We have a wide variety of men's and women's fragrances at affordable prices. Get a free gift with select purchases.

It's time for new towels! We offer a variety of colors in washcloths and bath

towels! Spruce up that bathroom look without emptying your wallet.

*Beat The Monday Blues Sale:* Turn Monday into a favorite day to shop! Look for the "Happy Face" balloons for Super Savings on a wide assortment of selected items every Monday in September.

*Always available at the MCX:*

Check Cashing \$200 maximum for personal checks! \$50 maximum for two-party checks!

Coffee Club: buy 5 cups, get 1 free!  
Fountain Soda Club: buy 5 drinks, get 1 free!

Dry Cleaning at discount prices! Special Orders. Video/DVD Rentals! Teleflora! Western Union Money Orders! Storage Space Rentals! Super Star Student Program!

The MCX - Super Seven Store, is

## MCCS LOSES THREE LONG-TIME EMPLOYEES

Retiring Sept. 29. Wishing them the best.



Julie Hardy, Head of the General Support Division, MCCS, is wrapping up 29 years and 10 months combined Federal Service (10 years, 4 months in the US Air Force and aboard MCLB since 1985 and with MCCS since 1989).



Bob Izumi, Wood/Rock Hobby Shop Manager culminates 27 years of service with MCCS this month, and 55 years of Federal service.



Lynda Rodriguez, MCCS Financial Branch accounting tech, is finishing a 32-year Federal Service career. Lynda has been with MCCS for 6 years.

open Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information please call 256-8974.

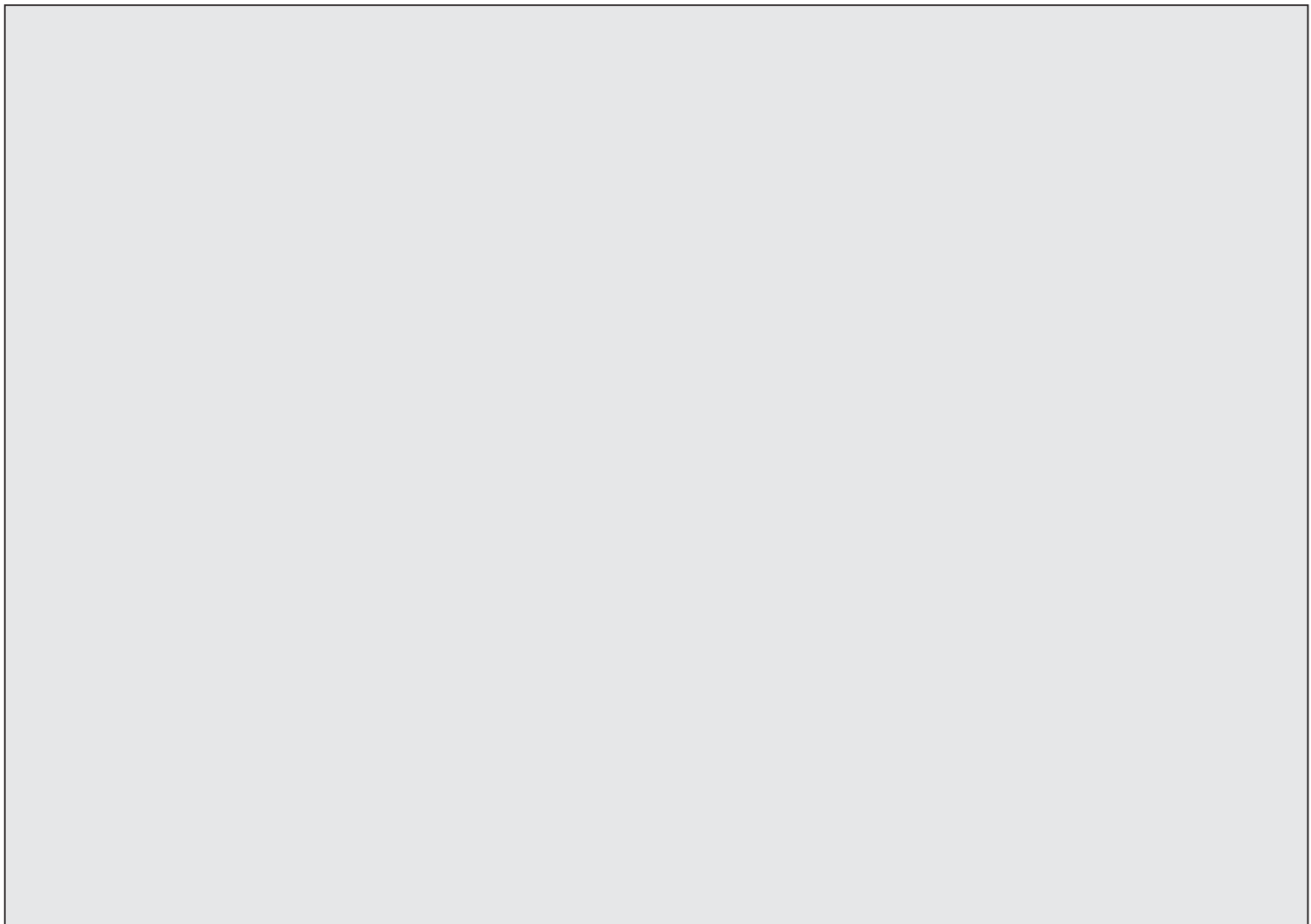
### Barber Shop's additional hours

The Barber Shop will have a trial run with Sunday hours from 1 to 5 p.m. beginning Oct. 3. This will be a one month trial and will continue with

these Sunday hours if patron support is successful.

### Club activities

At the **Oasis Club** this week: Tonight is **Right Hand Night** starting at 5 p.m. Tomorrow is **TGI Friday** star-





ing at 6 p.m. Next Tuesday is *Burn Your Own Steak Night*, starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday is *Movie Night* starting at 6:30 p.m.

At the **Enlisted Club** this week: Tonight – Darts, Pool, CD Music. Friday is *TGI Friday Family Night*. Saturday – *College Football*. Sunday – *NFL Football* 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday – *Monday Night Football*. Tuesday is *Karaoke Night*, starting at 6 p.m. Wednesday features *Midweek Relaxation Hour* from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

For more information and details on games please call 577-6418.

**Lunch Menus**

**Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe**

Lunch menus for the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe are the same this week. Lunch menus are subject to change.

**Today** – Breaded pork chops, apple sauce, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy.

**Friday** – Deep fried catfish, Rice Pilaf, collard greens with corn muffins.

**Monday** – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy with onion rings.

**Tuesday** – Baked chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy.

**Wednesday** – Pork stir fry, steamed Jasmine Rice with additional vegetables.

**Thursday** – Family Restaurant: Baked potato and salad bar.

Cactus Cafe: Meat Loaf and baked potato.

**Lanzer's Lounge**

**Today** – Country fried breaded pork with potato salad.

**Friday** – Catfish sandwich with cole slaw.

**Monday** – Lasagna with potato salad.

**Tuesday** – Pork chops with cole slaw.

**Wednesday** – French Dip sandwiches with cole slaw.

**Prices and Lunch Hours**

Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe: Active duty military \$3.25, all others, including civilians \$4.75. Lunch entrees include roll/butter, vegetable, coffee, tea or soft drink.

Lanzer's Lounge: \$4.75 for both military and civilian. Lunch menus include a fruit cup.

Weekday Lunch hours: Family Restaurant: 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cactus Cafe: 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lanzer's Lounge: 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Family Night Dining** – Tonight: Carnitas Night! Pork Carnitas, flour tortillas, refried beans, Mexican Rice, tossed green salad, dessert and fountain drink of your choice.

Family Night Dinners served from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Family Restaurant. Adults \$6, Children (5 to 11 years) \$4. Children under 5 years dine free.

**Playmornings every Wednesday**

Playmornings are held at the Youth Activities Center every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Playmornings are for children infant to 5 years of age and their parents.

Play, crafts, outside play (in the shade), picnics, water play, story time and more.

Pick up a registration packet at Marine and Family Services, Building 129. Must have current immunization records to attend.

New Parent Support classes: All classes are free and held in the FAP classroom, at Marine and Family Services, Building 129.

For more information please call Robin Lindsay at 577-6332.

**New Parent Support classes**

Coming up Oct. 5 – Expectant Parents Basic Training Class. To be held at the FAP classroom, Building 129, Marine & Family Services, from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

For more information call 577-6332.

**Sign up for School Age Care**

For children 5 (kindergarten) to 12 years of age.

Before school - Monday through Friday 6 to 9 a.m.

After school - Monday through Friday 12:30 to 6 p.m.

Fun Camp (for minimum days and teachers-in-service) is available for \$5 per day without contract. Contracts are available.

For details call SAC at 577-6499 or CY & TP at 577-6287. Available to all active duty, retirees, DOD employees and MCLB personnel.

**Teen's recreation time**

Youth Activities Center has new

open recreation hours for teens 13 to 18 years old.

The new hours are Monday through Friday from 2:30 to 7 p.m. featuring the New Boys and Girls Clubs of America Programs: Money Matters!, Street Smart!, Project Learn!, and Job Ready!

This service is available to all active duty, retirees, DOD employees and MCLB personnel. For more information call 577-6499.

**Youth and Teen Summits**

Youth Summit (ages 9 to 12) on Oct. 1 at 4 p.m. Teen Summit (ages 13 to 18) Friday at 4 p.m. at the Youth Activities Center.

A day of Substance Abuse Prevention at both summits. De-glamorizing substance use and abuse (i.e. tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs). Develop refusal/avoidance skills and peer pressure resistance and recognize commercial, social and peer pressure that encourages substance abuse.

Snacks will be provided for all participants.

For more information call 577-6851.

**Hobby Shops**

**Auto Hobby** – Come in and check the tires, rotate and balance them - all of the equipment needed is available for use. Call 577-6441.

**Ceramic Hobby** – Halloween is coming, time to get those Halloween ceramic pieces started. A variety of molds and decorations are available for

any project. Drop by the shop and see what is offered. Call 577-6228.

**Wood/Rock Hobby** – Build bookcases, bird houses, furniture and more. Cut stones for belt buckles, pendants or any form of jewelry. All the tools needed and step-by-step help is available at the Wood and Rock Hobby Shops. Call 577-6692.

Hobby Shop hours: Wednesday to Friday noon to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Bowling is great fun!**

Drop by the Bowling Center and check out what is offered. Regular specials - Active duty military \$1.25 per game, others \$1.50 per game, children \$1 per game.

Shoe rentals 50 cents.

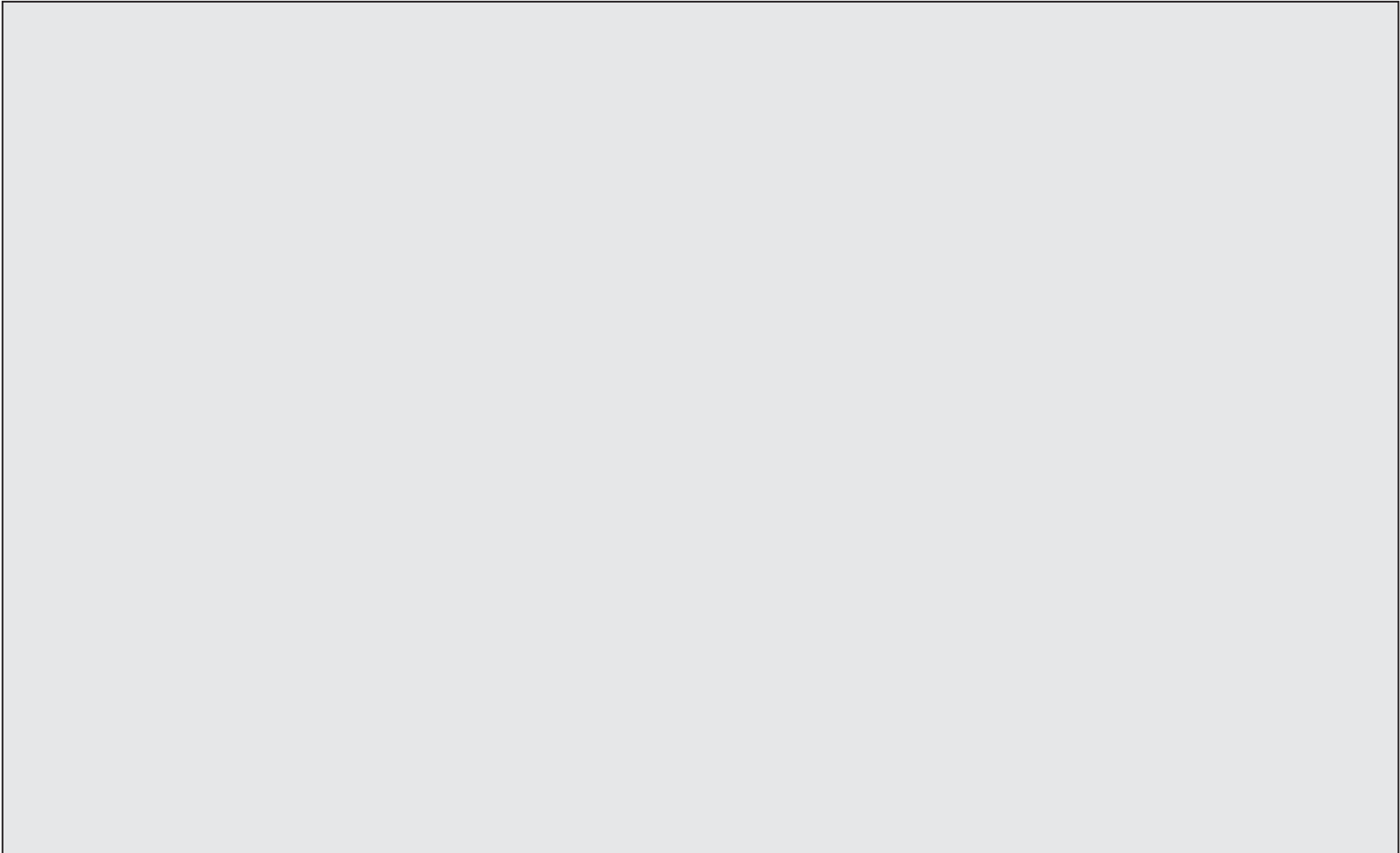
Weekends - adults \$1 per game, children \$1 for 3 games. Call 577-6264 for details.

**ITT has Universal Season Passes**

Universal Studios season passes are now available. These passes are good for one year from date of purchase. Some blackout days apply. \$55.50 adult or child.

For more information please call Information Tickets and Tours (ITT) at 577-6541.

ITT is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are available after hours and weekends at the Bowling Center. The Bowling Center phone number is 577-6264.



2000 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT:  
Black, 6 cyl, 4WD, 31 in. tires, 62k  
miles, hood kit, comes with 2 in.  
susp kit, \$10,500. OBO. Call Jason  
267-6316.

2000 TOYOTA SIENNA, LE: 4 Capt.  
seats, 5-door, great shape, cruise,  
running boards, roof rack, tow pack-  
age, \$10,500. OBO. Call 253-4979/  
267-6530.

1993 FORD: F-250, ext cab, 4x4,  
diesel, xlt, great shape with canopy,  
automatic, \$4,700.OBO. Call 253-  
4979/267-6530.

MISCELLANEOUS: LIT'L ROCKER:  
5<sup>TH</sup> wheel, 15k, with gooseneck at-  
tachment and all hardware, \$175.  
Call 256-6629.

MISCELLANEOUS: Child's/teen-  
ager oak bedroom set, complete  
with pier wall unit, twin bed, dresser  
with mirror and computer desk, \$500  
OBO. Call 252-2850.

MISCELLANEOUS: Heater, Sears  
kerosene, 20,000 BTU, xlt cond,  
\$75; Doghouse, large, xlt cond, \$40.  
Call 256-6629

MISCELLANEOUS: Two new 205/  
75R15 tires, \$25 each; two new 225/  
75R15 tires, \$25 each; large dog  
carrier (airline approved), \$30. Call  
945-1674.

