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VITA

MCLB Barstow will have 19 volunteers to help with your taxes during the Y2K tax season.

By Cpl. Brian Davidson

BARSTOW LOG staff

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate's Tax Center will begin its 2000 Federal Income Tax filing season February, 1.

This year, 24 volunteers completed the base's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, certifying them to prepare and file tax returns for active duty, retired military and their dependents at no charge. Of those 24 personnel trained here, only 19 will be staying. The rest are going to Ft. Irwin to help the Army.

In the past VITA volunteers prepared tax returns using the traditional worksheets and booklets, which were then electronically formatted and filed by OSJA.

This year Universal Tax Systems, a company under government contract that provides tax training services, furnished OSJA with enough software for all base volunteers to prepare taxes in the electronic format, speeding up the filing process for OSJA.

The base's VITA program was rated second of 161 Southern California tax preparing sites in 1998, and finished fourth of all Marine Corps installations taking part in the program in 1999.

Last year's goal was to E-file 50 percent of all military tax returns through OSJA.

That goal was surpassed with an error rate of less than one percent.

"We are planning to do a much better job

than last year," said Maj. Cody Wall, base staff judge advocate. "We have more volunteers, in more areas and we are advertising as much as possible."

The E-file program is a Quality of Life Program initiated to support the readiness of Marines and Marine families and is sponsored by base legal assistance offices. In 1997, under Gen. Charles Krulak the program saved Marines more than \$6 million in tax preparation and electronic filing fees.

Marines who use the service may save between \$50 and \$200 in commercial preparation fees and normally receive refunds within 10 days. Additionally, paper returns may have an error rate as high as 20 percent, according to Krulak's 1999 release on the program.

"OSJA is more prepared to handle an influx of tax filings than previously, thanks in part to addition software," said LCpl. Patrick Snyder, legal services.

"We want as many people as possible to take advantage of the free service. We have a good staff and an excellent track record," noted LCpl. William Sierra, legal services.

This year's goal is to increase the number of e-file program participants and have a zero percent error rate.

Those interested in taking advantage of the program should contact their unit VITA representative for tax preparation before visiting the OSJA. See VITA on Page 3 for more info.

A great man remembered in Barstow



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Toni Gardner, a teacher at the Child Development Center, and her husband, Melvin Gardner, enjoy a performance by the Barstow Community Choir.

The Gardners were among those who took part in a Barstow community gathering honoring slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Saturday morning. Approximately 200 people participated in the a short march from the J.C. Penny parking lot to the Dana Park community center. A fellowship program commemorating King was held at the Cora Harper Community Center following the march. Similar celebrations were held throughout the country and around the globe.

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Photo by Sgt. Adam Frederiksen

Mounted Color Guard members salute resident Dorothy Kohlars, a 104-year-old World War I Army nurse, during the 1999 Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Home of California - Barstow. The Mounted Color Guard received the Barstow Ambassador award during Saturday's Chamber of Commerce Community Recognition Awards Banquet.

Mounted Color Guard earns 'Barstow Ambassador' award

By GySgt. Frank Patterson

Public Affairs Chief

The Barstow area Chamber of Commerce recognized the Marine Corps' only remaining mounted color unit during its annual Community Recognition Awards Banquet Saturday night at the Oasis Club, here.

"We received the nomination for this group as Organization of the Year," said Mal Wessel, awards committeemember and Community Recognition Awards presenter. "But we felt their contributions to this community are such that an annual award wouldn't adequately describe the extent of their service."

"So we created the award of Barstow Ambassador because we felt it appropriately recognized their contributions as ambassadors for Barstow."

For more than 32 years, the Marine Corps'

only remaining mounted color guard has carried the pride of the Marine Corps and the name of Barstow into the homes and hearts of patriotic Americans.

The group, which has been a part of the city's history since forming in May 1967, was founded to get Marines more involved with community relations. Since its creation, the unit has represented the Marine Corps and carried the name of Barstow locally, nationally and, on occasion, internationally.

In 1999 alone, the all-volunteer group received more than 140 invitations to perform in such prestigious events as the 2000 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif., the 1999 Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City, and the SeaFair Parade at Seattle, Wash.

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The Commander's Forum

The "Commander's Forum" is a tool the Base Commander uses to hear and address the concerns of base residents, employees and others. To contact the Commander's Forum, call 577-6535. Send your concerns via LAN to COMMANDERS FORUM@HQTRS1 or SMB Barstow Commanders Forum if you have migrated.

Are military policemen driving safely on base?

Q: Good afternoon. As I was returning from lunch today, as I approached the guard at the front gate at Yermo, I noticed the MP car doing burn outs around the guard shack. As I stopped at the gate as I was being waved in, I asked the Marine standing at the gate if I should follow his example. He misunderstood me and his reply was, "I have to follow his example - he is my NCO." So again I repeated the question. My comment and question is, I don't necessarily believe that the MP should be held to a higher standard than we are, but on the other hand, I do believe that they should be held to the same standards that we are, and if I was to do such a thing I would definitely be ticketed. Sure would appreciate you looking into this.

A: Thank you!
On Nov. 18, the [military police] supervisor at Yermo was in the inbound lane checking on the sentry when a vehicle pulled in behind his vehicle. The corporal then executed a U-turn so the vehicle behind

might proceed through the gate. The MP supervisor states that while driving around the gate shack the tires of his vehicle did squeal as a result of dirt and stones which had accumulated behind the gate shack from the recent winds. He states that at no time did he attempt to accelerate excessively or perform a "burn-out." The dirt and stones behind the gate shack have since been cleaned up. The gate sentry states that the MP supervisor did not execute a "burn-out", nor was there anything hazardous about the MP supervisor's driving.

I appreciate any comments or observations about the driving of our military policemen, they are supposed to be the models of safe driving on the base.

In attempting to keep all our streets safe, we strive to operate our vehicles safely in the execution of our duties.

Please feel free to contact the Military Police Operations Chief at 577-6062 or the Operations Officer at 577-6667 if you observe any unsafe driving.

Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention.

Vet's Home expresses thanks, holiday wishes

The residents and staff of the Veterans Home of California - Barstow wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the military and civilian personnel of the Marine Corps Logistics Base for their support of the Adopt-A-Vet Program during the past holiday season.

To those of you who volunteered to fulfill a special request for visitors to sit with WWI veteran, Dorothy Kohlars, your gift of time is especially appreciated.

Your continued interest and support of the Veterans Home significantly contributes to the quality of life for the veterans who reside here.

We wish you and yours a happy and prosperous New Year!

Gunny's Picks

Playoffs, Week 3



SSgt. Robert Cole (right) won this week's Gunny's Picks with a little help from two friends - the scoreboard and Cpl. Brad Price.

"I've got to give Price credit," said Cole. "We always talk about sports and football."

I don't know how many times I've said it this year, St. Louis is a sure thing. At least I've got Cole on my side.

"St. Louis is going to win the Super Bowl," he predicted.

He came to this conclusion by determining Jacksonville would crush Tennessee this weekend, but fall short to St. Louis while trying to play on the astro-turf in Atlanta.

Tennessee at Jacksonville*
Tampa Bay at St. Louis*

Total points (any game): _____

Name, work section and phone number: _____

What's the worth of a name?

By Cmdr. G.J. Parker, CHC, USN
from the QUANTICO SENTRY

What is your name worth to you?

Have you ever thought about that before?

When people mention or hear your name, what do they think about?

The character of a person is closely tied to his or her name. The Bible tells us, "If you must choose, take a good name rather than great riches; for to be held in loving esteem is better than silver or gold." (Proverbs 22:1)

Whether you are a person of faith or not, the Bible has some very wise things to say about the character of a person. Let me list just a few of them:

"My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man." (Proverbs 3:1-4)

"We all have happy memories of good men gone to their reward, but the names of wicked men stink after them." (Proverbs 10:7)

Every day we live our lives, we are a walking

billboard. Our actions do indeed speak louder than our words. We can talk all we want about being a good Marine or a good Christian or a good Jew or a good company gunny, but the proof of the pudding is in the tasting, as the old saying goes.

What we claim to be on the outside must be backed up by what is on the inside of us. What is in our hearts will always betray us, whether it be good or bad.

Again, the Bible says, "For as (a man) thinketh in his heart, so he is" (Proverbs 23:7)

So again I ask, when people hear your name or think of you, what do they think about? Does your reputation "stink", or do people admire you for the great person that you are?

A good name and a good reputation is a very valuable thing. Indeed, it is worth much more than an abundance of silver or gold.

No matter what you are doing in your life, do it to your utmost. Invest in your name and make it a valuable part of your possessions. It will pay big dividends in the end.

And just think, your name and your reputation might be responsible for motivating someone else to become more than he or she ever thought they could be.

Chapel Hours

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.

Catholic services will not be available until April 2.

Yermo Bible Study

Wednesday 11 - 11:30 a.m.

At the Colonel's Workshop

For more info call Don Brooks at 577-7165.



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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, a phone number, and be received by noon, Friday for the next issue. Submit news briefs via email at daileyb@barstow.usmc.mil.

Cupid's Quest returns to MCLB Barstow

The Navy is once again sponsoring the annual Cupids' Quest Sweet-heart Dinner Dance and Scavenger Hunt.

The event starts Feb. 11 at the Oasis Club with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. The dinner, a choice of either prime rib or chicken breast, starts at 7 p.m.

The cost is only \$12.50 per adult and it is open to all Oasis Club members, their guests and those personnel who are eligible for membership.

Because of the popularity of this event, reservations are required. Call 577-6575 to make yours today.

Tax season cometh, VITA stands ready

There are two inevitable things in life; death and taxes. In the case of the latter, the only thing worse than having to pay money back to the government is trying to figure out how to do it.

The good news this year is base personnel have knowledgeable, trained individuals standing by to help them wrestle with tax laws and perform timely electronic filing.

Armed with sharp pencils and hours of intensive tax-law training, VITA volunteers stand ready to tackle your income tax problems.

The following is a list of VITA reps and their phone numbers. Call today; don't wait until April 13.

Name	Phone
Maj. Cody W. Wall	577-6874
Capt. Kenneth A. Lee	577-6874
1stLt. Rolando R. Sanchez	577-6874

GySgt. Michael Claudio	577-6533
SSgt. James L. Daly	577-6062
SSgt. Robert J. Munroe	577-6684
Sgt. Mario Rivas	577-6871
LCpl. Kyran Ramcharan	577-6623
LCpl. William J. Sierra	577-6784
LCpl. Patrick J. Snyder	577-6784

U.S. Navy
HM1 George W. Mosier 577-6081

Civilian Marines	
Vincent Chavez	577-7098
Jacqueline L. Fadely	577-6874
Barbara J. Holt	577-7480
Barbara Kulseth	577-6771
Terri T. Lloyd	577-7378
Cheryl A. Mitchell	577-7479
Tom Quenga	577-7440

Four wheel driving

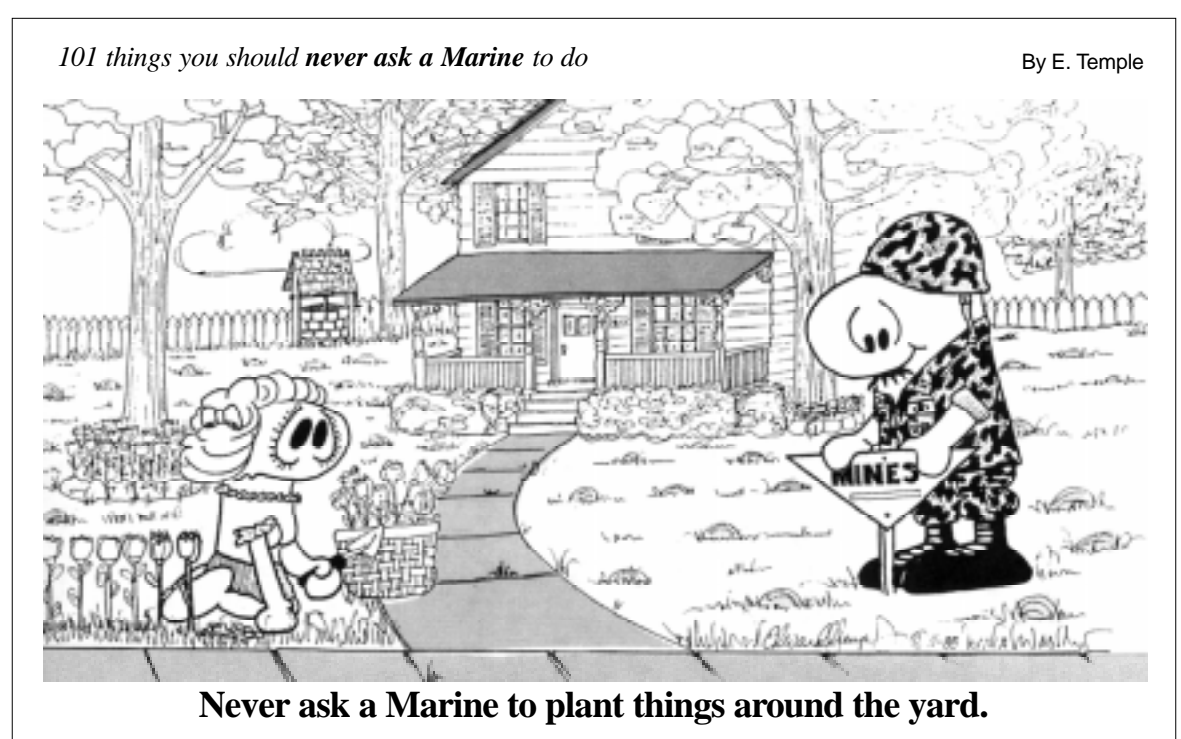
Learning the fundamentals of four-wheeling safety is an important skill in the desert. The Mojave River Valley Museum at Barstow Road and Virginia Way, invites members and friends to the class Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with an optional Sunday field trip.

Harry Lewellyn, an experienced back country guide throughout the United States and Mexico, will be the instructor.

Class size is limited, so call 256-5452 or 252-5050 early for fees and class information.

Bible study

Have you ever been curious about the book of Revelation? Do you wonder what it says about end times? Have you avoided studying Revelation be-



cause it seemed too obscure? Now is your chance to answer some of your curiosities with the new Bible study in the book of Revelation at the chapel at 7 p.m. Tuesday. Bring your Bible, bring your questions and plan for a great study.

Marriage retreat

CREDO of 29 Palms has reserved slots for 6 couples for a Marriage Retreat for Feb. 18-21 in the Sequoia National Park.

No cost/permissive TAD orders are required. If interested in this retreat, contact the Chaplain's office at 577-6849.

This is a great opportunity to rekindle the old flame in your relationship. Don't let this free opportunity pass you by.

Chub Club

Moms - do you want to lose a few pounds or just regain control of your eating habits after all of the holiday goodies? If so, come join the "Chub Club," a nutrition information and support group for mothers.

Each meeting starts with a walk, followed by classes and discussion about nutrition and healthy eating habits.

For more info, call Personal Services Division at 577-6533.

Korean War vets sought

The 50th Anniversary of the Korean War starts in June and continues through July 27, 2003. To prepare for commemorative activities in the United States and abroad Korean War veterans are encouraged to register with the U.S.-Korea 2000 Federation.

The Federation seeks anyone who served in the military, including the Coast Guard and Merchant Marines, during the Korean War. Service in the Korean Theater is not a requirement.

According to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, less than 20 percent of Korean War Veterans belong to a national veterans' organization. For more info, contact:

U.S.-Korea 2000 Foundation, Inc.
4600 Duke St., Suite 416
Alexandria, VA 22304-2517
(703) 212-8128
E-mail: Info@USKorea2000.org
Internet: <http://www.uskorea2000.org>

Baseball teams forming

The High Desert Adult Baseball Association is looking for men 30 years or older to play on its Barstow-based

teams. Games are played on Sundays. For an information packet, write HDABA 14720 Wilson Pl. Hesperia, CA 92345

TAP Classes

A Transition Assistance Program Workshop for separating and retiring personnel is scheduled for Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Building 37.

During the four-day workshop, guest speakers will address career exploration, the job search, resume writing, interviewing, veteran and retiree benefits and more.

If you are a retiring or separating Marine, Sailor or Soldier, you and your spouse are invited and encouraged to attend.

For more info contact Personal Services at 577-6265 or 577-6533.

Recruiter assistance

Interested in earning extra points for promotion? If you are from the greater New York City or Long Island area and would like to go out on recruiter's assistance call Sgt/Maj. Craig Brown at (516) 228-3685 ext. 13.

ROTC instructors

The 12th Marine Corps Recruiting District is looking for retiring or retired officers and Staff NCOs to serve as Junior ROTC instructors. Entitlements include active duty pay and allowances.

Current openings are in San Jose, Calif. and Kearny, Ariz. For more info, call the 12th District JROTC office at (619) 542-5547/5548.

Racquetball tourney

Semper Fit is hosting a racquet ball tournament Feb. 7-10. It costs \$10 to play, and all the money goes to next year's Marine Corps Birthday Ball fund. For more info call SSgt. Owen at 577-6899.

Job Watch

Ann No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
OTR-002-00	Management Support Assistant GS-03030-07 (Temp NTE 1yr)	01-06-00	02-03-00	01-20-00	MCLB Barstow
OTR-010-00	Laborer WG-3502-04 (Temp NTE 1 yr)	01-13-00	02-14-00	01-27-00	MCLB Barstow
OTR-171-99	Laborer (part time) WG-3502-03 (Temp NTE 1yr)	12-14-99	01-18-00	12-27-99	MCLB Barstow
OTR-173-99A	Equipment Cleaner WG-7009-04 (Temp NE 1 yr)	12-15-99	01-26-00	12-29-99	MCLB Barstow
OTR-180-99	Materials Handler WG-6907-06 (Temp NTE 1yr)	12-23-99	01-20-00	01-06-00	MCLB Barstow
OTR-182-99	Firefighter GS-0081-04/05 (TempNTE 1 yr)	12-29-99	01-26-00	01-12-00	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their resume to:

Human Resources Service Center, Southwest
ATTN: Code 522 (announcement number)
525 B Street, Suite 600
San Diego, CA 92101-4418

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service, Bldg. 37, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office 24-hour employment information line at 577-6919.

If you have Internet access, browse to <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.dasnhrcc.navy.mil>.



By Erika Gumz
MCCS Publicity

Shop the Base Exchange

The Base Exchange is now having their January Price Blowout Sale!

Before you shop anywhere else, check out your Marine Corps Exchange for quality products and merchandise at the prices you want.

The Base Exchange/7-Day Store is open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 256-8974 for details.

Lunch menu for this week

This week's lunch menu at the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe offers:

Today - Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable, roll/butter.

Friday, Jan. 21 - Herb-baked fish, macaroni and cheese, vegetable, roll/butter.

Monday, Jan. 24 - Sweet and Sour Pork, egg noodles, vegetable, roll/butter.

Tuesday, Jan. 25 - Country Chicken w/peppers, vegetable, roll/butter.

Wednesday, Jan. 26 - Veal

Parmesan, mashed potatoes, vegetable, roll/butter.

Thursday, Jan. 27 - Beef Stroganoff, egg noodles, vegetable, roll/butter.

All above meals served with coffee, tea or soft drink.

Lunch is served Monday through Friday at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at the Cactus Cafe from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Price is \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian.

The Family Restaurant also offers an a la carte as well as a sub sandwich menu for lunch. The Cactus Cafe offers a limited a la carte and sub sandwich menu for lunch.

For more info on the a la carte and sub sandwich menus call 577-6428.

Family Night Dinner Menu

Thursday, Jan. 20 - Mexican Meatloaf, vegetable and dessert.

Thursday, Jan. 27 - Lasagna, vegetable and dessert.

Family Night dinners are served Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Prices: (All you can eat) \$4.50

MCCS SURVEY

Please complete this survey and mail to MCCS Publicity, MCLB Barstow, CA 92311, send through base distribution - MCCS Publicity stop 44, or drop your survey off at the MCCS Administration Office - Publicity (upstairs) Bldg #44. Thank you for your participation in this survey. Your comments are important to us, and will be given every consideration.



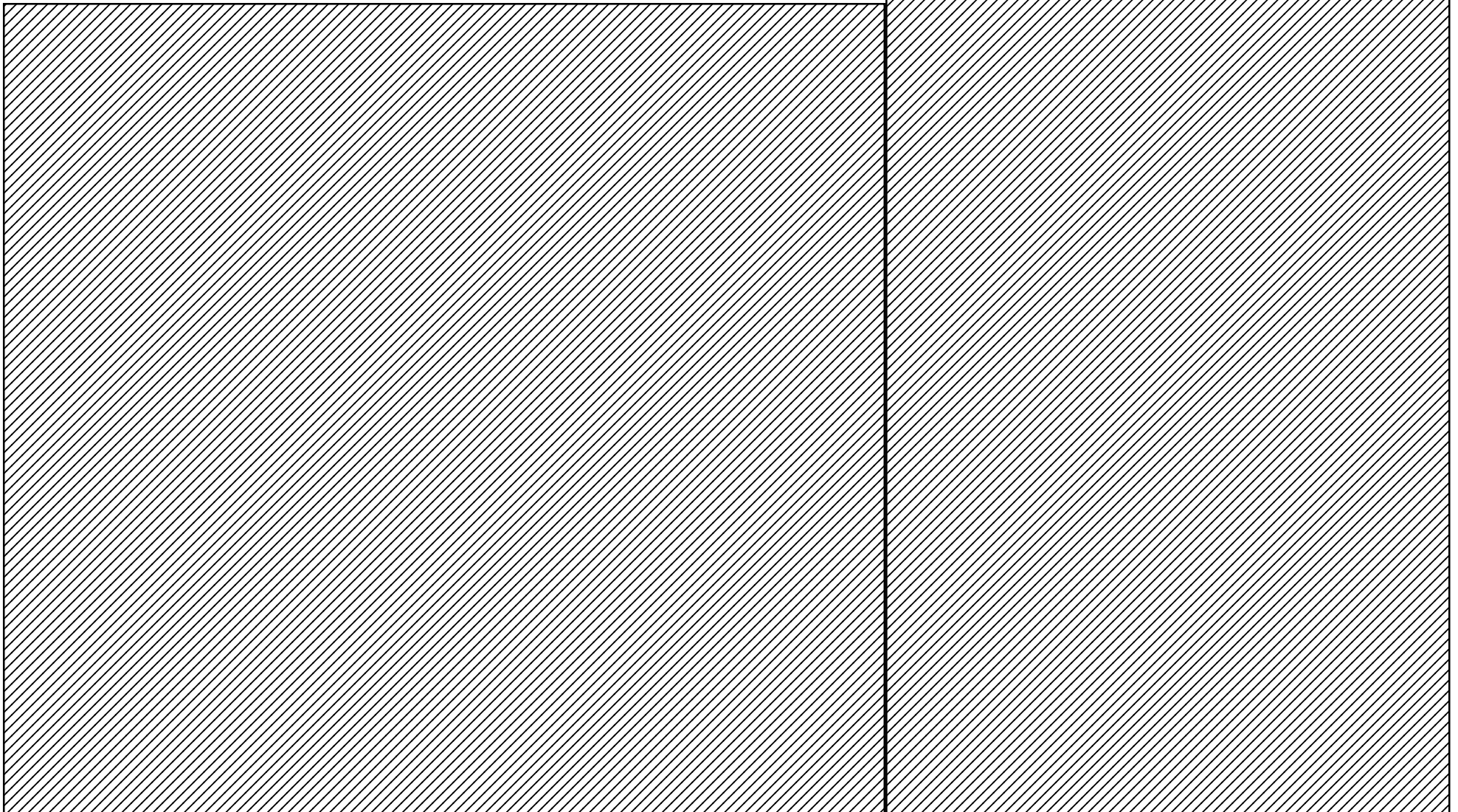
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7. Have you taken golf lessons at Tees & Trees? Yes No
How would you rate the lessons: Excellent Good Fair Poor
8. Additional comment: _____

adults, \$2.50 children (5 to 11 years), children 4 years and younger are free. Price is the same for military and civilian personnel.



MLK philosophical civil rights leader remembered

By Cpl. Brian Davidson
BARSTOW LOG staff

During the turbulent times of the Civil Rights Movement, Americans sat glued to the newly commonplace television, awed and horrified night after night by the images and actions flashing before them.

Police dogs attacking, fire hoses streaming, batons swinging and the faces of fearful protesters emblazoned the minds of millions ... elder, youth and adult alike, worldwide.

Not only images, but words too left lasting impressions.

Thousands of faces gathered on the Mall of Washington under the umbrella of hope, all sharing in one dream – a day when “... little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but the content of their character” is what many envision when they think of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

As Louis Farrakhan once said, “You can’t separate the man from the movement.”

King is accordingly remembered by many as one who embodied the spirit of civil rights movement in the era of the 50’s and 60’s.

King, the son of a Baptist minister, began his path to the forefront of the civil rights movement in 1955 as the president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, a group of black leaders and preachers acting to advance civil rights causes. King gained notoriety by leading the 13 month-long Montgomery bus boycott originally orchestrated by the Women’s Political Council as a one-day show of strength and solidarity by blacks in protest of the second arrest of a black woman who refused to give up her seat to a white.

Later, King gained the attention of the nation and came under the scrutiny of J. Edgar Hoover’s FBI as he spearheaded nonviolent marches on Washington in 1963, and Montgomery in 1965.

“[Marching] is a manifestation of politics as drama, in which citizens can make themselves act on the Public stage. For Martin King marching was also a form of liturgy—a way of making words become flesh,” Harris Wofford wrote in “Of Kennedys and Kings.”

During his fight for racial equality in America King’s home in Montgomery was firebombed, he was critically wounded in a stabbing incident at a book signing and was imprisoned numerous times.

King’s eloquent words proved to be powerful even from behind the bars of a jail cell, according to author Juan Williams.

Martin Luther King, Jr.’s letter from [Birmingham City] jail stands as one

of the most important documents of nonviolent protest in the civil rights movement. It was reprinted in dozens of periodicals and soon, with over a million copies in circulation, it became a classic of protest literature,” Williams wrote in his book “Eyes on the Prize.”

King continued as civil rights leader until his assassination on April 4, 1968 at a hotel in Memphis.

“In this notable year and into the

millennium, his message of brotherhood, love, and freedom will be the trumpet’s call for all keepers of peace and defenders of what is right. So, as we remember his deeds ... take time to consider the difference he made to our Nation and what it has meant to each of us individually and let us give thanks and be proud,” Maj. Gen. Paul M. Lee, commander, Marine Corps Materiel Command, said in his holiday address.

“... It took time and the efforts of a truly dedicated visionary man to finally bring equality to all Americans and to reinforce the principles upon which our national character was built,” he added.

In 1964 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Recognition of his lifetime achievements continues still.

According to Cable News Network reports, the Vatican is considering the Baptist minister for martyrdom.

King’s birthday is a federal holiday celebrated here and abroad in over 100 countries around the world.

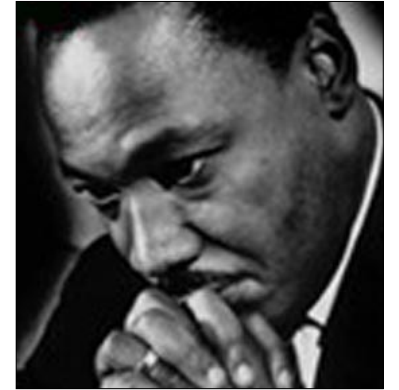
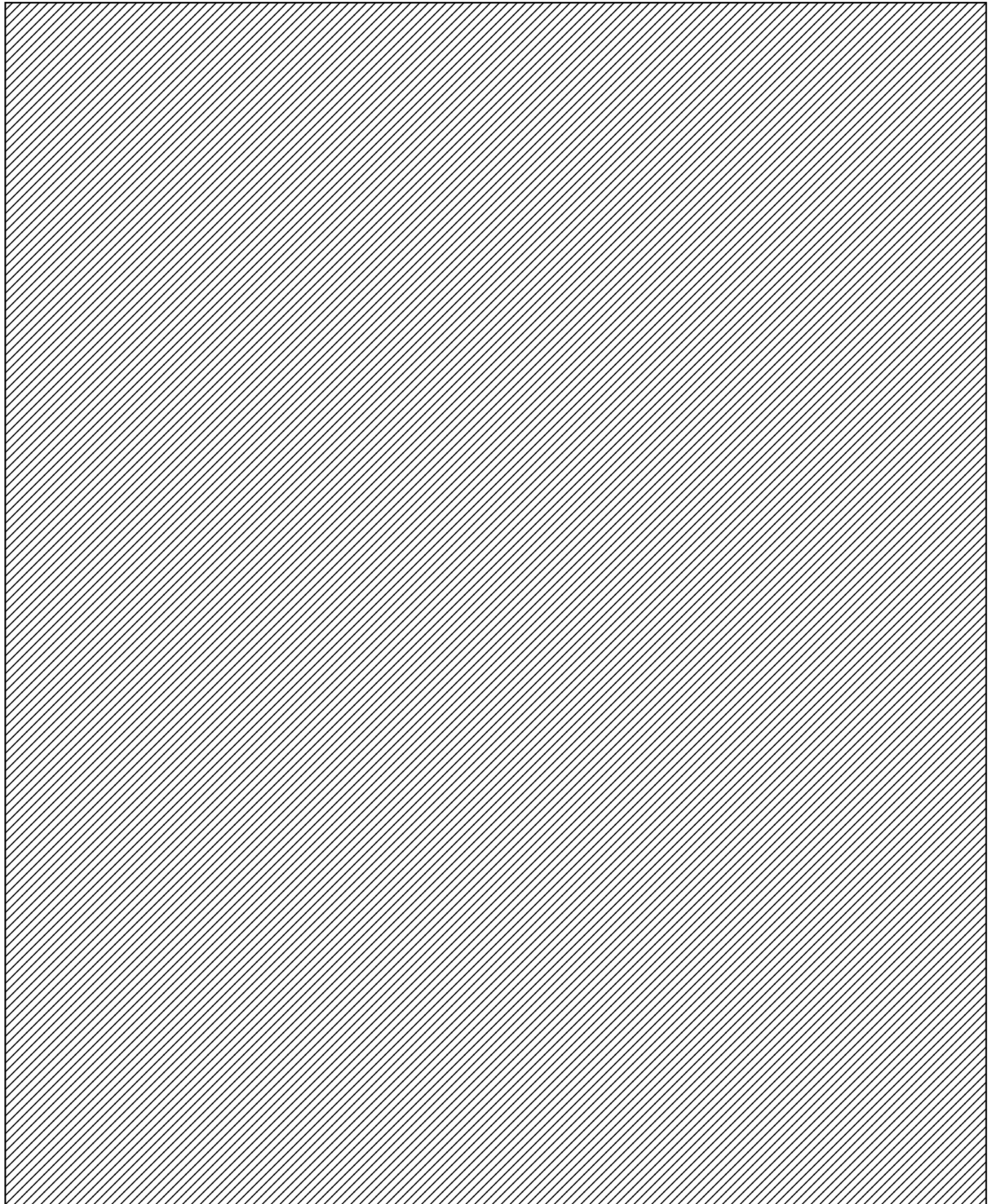


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Dr. Martin Luther King



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Maintenance Center Barstow

From the Director ...

Teamwork at Maintenance Center Barstow

By Col. J. Martin Jr.
MC Director

Happy New Year!

With all the pre-New Year's hype about Y2K, this great country of ours ushered in the year 2000 with very few problems. This occurred because America's technocrats identified the problem early, determined what had to be done, developed a course of action, and through teamwork fixed the Y2K problem. In fact, they fixed the problem so well that by 8 a.m. on New Year's Day, Y2K was just a figment of most of our imaginations.

Throughout the 20th Century Americans saw vast industrial and technological growth within this great country of ours. This growth was accomplished mainly by teamwork. As the 20th Century came to a close unemployment was near or at its lowest level, the stock market was at its highest level, the average income for working family members was at its highest level, and more Americans (approximately 3.4 million) were identified as millionaires (the highest number to date).

Very few of these great accomplishments were done by individuals. They were accomplished for the most part through teamwork. Therefore, we as a nation of people have much to be proud of and great expectations as we enter the new millennium.

The members of Maintenance Center Barstow have a lot to be proud of as they completed the production of 63 RAM/RS AAVs by the end of December. This was a major accomplishment because of the numerous setbacks created at the outset of this program because of the late arrival of Government Furnished Material. The GFM problem appears to be fixed and the Maintenance Center is on track to complete the 85 RAM/RS AAVs scheduled for completion by the end of March.

I say the completion of 63 RAM/RS AAVs was a feat to be proud of because there were members of the MCB team who had convinced themselves this bogey could not be met. There were

however, other team members who were convinced MCB could complete the 63 vehicles and their teaming and can-do efforts became contagious; so contagious that even those members who had convinced themselves this feat could not be accomplished, caught fire and joined this effort. The completion of the 63 RAM/RS AAVs on schedule, within cost, and as a quality product are great examples of what MCB can accomplish through teamwork. This type of teamwork will make MCB the "Depot of Choice" within the Department of Defense.

MCB has enjoyed many great successes and accomplished many great feats, but as we embark upon this journey through the new millennium we need to recognize the business environment we work in today. We work in a different environment with different rules of engagement and "business as usual" will not secure our future.

When I arrived here three and one-half years ago MRPII, EVMS, ISO 9000, MCC, and MRO/IPV Prime Vendors were not acronyms or words used within MCB. Today, however, these acronyms and words grace the lips of just about every employee,



Photo by Curt Lambert

Cost Work Center members responsible for AAV RAM/RS production.

and these business initiatives touch every facet of the day-to-day work effort. It is now a matter of accepting this business environment and working our tails off (as a team) to use this business environment and the tools it brings to make us the "Depot of Choice" within the Department of Defense during this millennium.

Yes, we completed 63 RAM/RS AAVs on schedule for December while simultaneously completing production of all other scheduled production items. But these accomplishments are only a glimpse of what MCB can accomplish through teamwork and operating in this business environment.

MRP II: Automated resources help employees succeed

By Cliff German
MRP II Section

The Online Electronic Library.

It's a new year, and we're ready to demonstrate another one of our business innovations – using our automated systems to provide information to our employees to help them succeed in their endeavors.

No, we're not talking about another software package; we don't have to send folks to training to learn how to do this. We're talking about using the computers we already have, using the capability in our newly migrated LAN, to make information easily accessible.

Those of you who have been directly involved with our successful efforts on the AAV RAM R/S have already seen the changes caused by implementing MRP II. You have photo books showing you the correct configuration for each assembly. You are using new identification numbers to keep track of components. And, in addition to the MRP II data collection and reporting, you

are using new forms to collect information.

But what do you do when someone changes the configuration? Or if you need an updated form? Wouldn't it be nice if, somehow, all changes just "happened" automatically, and you always had the correct photos and forms at your fingertips?

Yes, it is nice, and you have it today.

If you have an e-mail account, that means you are already able to access the other computers on our LAN. One of them, identified by the number "Wmclb2813", has been designated as the MRP II server. The MRP Core Team has established a set of photos, procedures and forms on this server, and they are using this Online Electronic Library as the means to ensure you always have access ("read only") to the latest changes.

The easiest way to navigate this service is to use the "Menu" document found in the first directory on the hard drive, "An MRP II Directory". (The full title may not be visible on your screen; all I could read was "An MRP II Di".) Once you double-click on the menu, it guides

you to the index for each of the other categories of information: Photos, Disassembly Disposition Records (DDR), Component DDRs, Procedures and blank forms.

If you need to look at more than one photo or document, you may use the "back" button or arrow on your toolbar.

Possible warning messages that may occur when using the Online Electronic Library

1) *Someone else is using the file*, click "OK" to make a copy.

2) *Macros* – click on the "disable" button; they aren't needed for the links to work.

3) *If you don't find a particular photo or form you are looking for* – Be patient. They are still adding materials to the collection, and they may not be aware someone needs that one. So let them know what you're looking for, and I'm sure you'll see it loaded soon.

4) *If you don't know how to access the Online Electronic Library server from your computer* – The easiest way is to double-click on the icon that says "Network Neighborhood." If you are logged

on, you should see a list of systems that are all connected to the LAN. Scroll down the list until you find "Wmclb2813" and double-click on it.

Online electronic Library assists in quality control

A nice feature of the Online Electronic Library is it brings us closer to ISO 9000 compliance.

Element 4.5 requires we establish and maintain procedures to ensure our documents and data are accessible, updated, controlled and reviewed periodically. The MRP team has helped us establish a means of accessing these items while they control, update and review the items.

Now we can all help with the review process. When we find something needing correction, we can print the form from the Online Electronic Library ("Request to Evaluate/Change Date"), identify what needs to be fixed, and submit the form following the directions provided in the online procedure, 601-MRP-01.

It doesn't get much easier than that!

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Marine of the Quarter

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan

BARSTOW LOG staff

The difference between hesitation and motivation is the difference between testing if the water is too cold and doing a cannonball as soon as you see the pool.

LCpl. Jared Anderson, cryptological technician with the base Information Systems Office, made a noticeable splash recently by winning the latest Marine of the Quarter board.

The 21-year-old native of Tucson, Ariz., graduated from Sahuaro High School in 1996. He had worked at a cellular phone booth at a nearby shopping mall, and after graduation took a job selling pagers and cell phones for World Com Wireless.

"I worked a commissioned job," said Anderson. "There was no such thing as a holiday."

Anderson married his wife, Melanie, at age 19 and soon had a child on the way.

"The pay was good," said Anderson, "but the hours were long. I'd go to work early and then come home at night, and my wife was already sleeping."

With his family in mind, Anderson began considering joining the military.

"Many go into the Air Force and come right back and get stationed at [Davis-Monthan Air Force Base] in Tucson. Recruiters promise it as an incentive."

Crypto Marine takes MOQ board, aims in on Meritorious Corporal



"A lot of people go into the Army," he continued. "My brother joined the Army. His recruiter pushed him into airborne infantry even though he wasn't physically qualified. That gives the Army a bad rap in my mind."

One session with a Marine recruiter convinced Anderson to enlist in the Marine Corps in May 1998, shortly after the birth of his son, Tyler.

"It's tough having a newborn and going to boot camp," said

Anderson.

His rigorous schedule after high school prepared him for the demands of recruit training.

"I had worked a 70-hour work week for almost two years before I came in," said Anderson. "I pretty much knew about all the psychological tricks. The physical part was the toughest."

Anderson's MOS training included eight months at Communications and Electronics School at MCAGCC Twentynine Palms, Calif. He arrived in Barstow June 1, 1999. Immediately after checking into the command, Anderson created his first mission.

Having worked in the mobile phone industry before joining the Marine Corps, Anderson sensed foul play with the base's cellular phone contract. He informed his SNCOIC, SSgt. Jeff Goldsworthy.

"I told the staff sergeant the base was getting ripped off," said Anderson. "The rates we were paying were outrageous."

Anderson assisted Contracting and Purchasing Branch in finding the best rates to negotiate a contract with AirTouch Cellular that included brand new phones for base personnel.

"He did all of the leg work," said Goldsworthy. "He knew who to talk to and what questions to ask."

Anderson's efforts saved the base approximately 58 percent on the new contract, according to Goldsworthy, which saved the base an estimated \$10,000.

With a feather already in his cap, Anderson aspired for higher visibility on base.

"When I was at school, I met some people who were lance corporals for three years or longer," said Anderson. "I realized that I'd have to get promoted in other ways. This board was just the first step."

"We asked who in the shop was interested, and he stepped right up," said Goldsworthy. "When he asked me to write him up for the board I was glad to do it."

"I was nervous at first," admitted Anderson. "I thought of it

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177. Well-renovated, well received

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan

BARSTOW LOG staff

Single Marines are putting their feet up in cozier living conditions these days, now that the first half of Headquarters Battalion's barracks renovation plan is complete.

A Headquarters Marine Corps Quality of Life initiative funded the battalion in replacing carpeting and furniture in the 28 rooms of Barracks 177. Over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, Marines moved into their new rooms.

"We're going to raise the standard of living for Marines in the barracks," said Capt. James Sobien, billeting officer.

In a job easier said than done, the battalion S-4 spent the past three months assisting contractors in removing the old furniture from the barracks, tearing up the old carpeting and preparing for the move.

"Whenever they needed something, we were at their disposal," said GySgt. Carolyn Fallin, billeting chief. "S-4 contributed 70 percent of the labor."

"We had to move all of the refrigerators out of the rooms, we had to take down all of the curtains ..." recalled PFC Derrick Christoff, S-4 billeting clerk. "The furniture was kept in a storage shed. We had to reorganize that so the contractors could get to it. It was a lot of manual labor."

With Marines slightly cramped in the neigh-

boring Barracks 176 and awaiting their new quarters, the contractors went to work. The walls were repainted, and new carpeting was laid down.

"We picked a lighter color tile to brighten the place up," said Sobien. "The old brown carpet looked downright depressing."

Eventually, contractors moved the furniture into the new rooms.

"When I was a lance corporal, that was what the general officer's quarters looked like," joked 1stSgt. Charles J. Allen III, battalion first sergeant.

The next plan, which HQMC has already funded, is a plan to put new, free-standing wall lockers into the rooms. The old lockers will come down, and the walls behind them painted.

"A set of wall lockers can be replaced in less than a day," said Sobien. "The only inconvenience for the Marine is that he'll be put out of his room for a night while the paint dries."

Marines have already expressed their gratification for their new accommodations.

"I feel like I'm living in a hotel suite," said PFC John Hubbard III, administrative clerk and barracks resident. "I especially like the large beds. You don't roll over and fall on the floor anymore."

"I know I'm enjoying it there," said PFC Tyrell Dykes, base property CMR clerk. "There's a lot more space with the new furniture."

"The new carpet smells real nice," Dykes added. "I noticed that right when I walked in. Everything is new, so nothing has any stains on it. When you clean up, it really looks clean."



Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

Captain James Sobien, HqBn. S-4 officer, walks through the renovated Barracks 177.

Renovated rooms include:

- Captain's bed w/ two drawers and cabinet
- New mattress and comforter
- Secretary/computer table with pullout keyboard stand
- Dresser w/ six drawers
- Night stand w/ three drawers
- Bedside lamp

SALUTES

Award of Merit for Group Achievement

Linda M. Lingren
Lynda Kay

Sick Leave Awards

2500 Hours
Jerry W. Stapp

Federal Length of Service Awards

25 years
Daniel G. Keirn, Jr.
Nancy L. Hammons

10 years
Leslie R. Hunt

Performance Awards

William T. Frye
William M. Bokholt
Bertie A. Dailey
Peggy S. Haines
Lynda Kay
Kim B. Whaley
Donna M. Wilder
S. Ann Lazenby
Johnnie M. Curtis

Bella D. Nies
Rosario P. Wais
Bette J. Poe
Carlota B. Romero
Michael C. Rasmussen
Richard V. Johnson
Calvin F. Boles IV
Linda M. Lingren

Richard M. Mills
Susan G. Snow
Anita Lewis
Nancy L. Hammons
Leslie R. Hunt
Michelle R. Noice
MaryJane Ackley
Jacqueline L. Fadeley
Barbara J. Kulseth

2000 Hours
Terence B. Jenkins

1500 Hours
Anna M. Gonzales
Lynda Kay

500 Hours
Calvin F. Boles IV

Time Off Awards

Johnnie M. Curtis
Randall A. Sandquist

Retirement

S. Ann Lazenby

More Salutes will run in future editions of the BARSTOW LOG.

Marines are getting out before getting's good

By MSgt. Christopher Grey

From QUANTICO SENTRY

"I'm getting out." I hear it all the time from young Marines. I just wish I had a crystal ball to show them what the future holds. Like the old recruiting poster says - "We don't promise you a rose garden." There certainly are bad times with the good, but from my experience, the garden sure grows some beautiful flowers to cherish along the way.

Former Marines, folks who've associated themselves with the Corps, and leaders today speak of the "mystic" quality of being a United States Marine. An almost "spiritual relationship" the Marines enjoy with each other and the American public.

And you know what? It's true. But I see these young

Marines leaving their Corps all the time, before they've really given it a chance. I guess I feel sorry for what may have been for them. They work so hard to earn the "title" - boot camp, Marine Combat Training, the Crucible - and when they arrive, they do their time and leave. If they stayed just a little longer and reaped the rewards at their fingertips.

I vividly remember being a lance corporal, it's certainly hard work and more times than not - not a lot of fun, but there is a lot to be said for perseverance. There is upward mobility in "Mother Corps" that can be so tremendously rewarding. Hanging in there to become an NCO, NCO or an officer means so much more than a pay raise.

It's a sense of accomplishment and a chosen way of life

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In the past, the unit has performed in events as far away as Memphis, Tenn.

Additionally, the unit has ap-

peared in the "Western Horseman" and "Horse Illustrated" equestrian magazines. They were portrayed on the first edition of the Bureau of Land Management's "Wild Horses" trading cards.



SPORTS

Scoreboard

Basketball

BUSINESS rolls over TOP GUN 46 – 34

Business took home their seventh straight win after clashing with Top Gun Jan. 13.

Seventeen must be an unlucky number for Top Gun. This is the second game in a row where the team jumped out to a good lead, but started to falter when they hit 17. This left an opening as big as a barn for Business to come barreling through with 12 unanswered points. Top Gun managed to fend them off as the half ended with Top Gun up 21-17.

Business kept the momentum going in the second outscoring Top Gun by 29 points.

Business' William Washington was the game's top scorer, pulling in 18 points. "I saw we were down as the game started," he said. "We needed a lift. Hitting the boards was it."

Top Gun's Elder Reyes tried quelling Business opportunities with four 3-pointers and 14 points overall.

ENFORCERS take CLINIC 46 – 38

Enforcers moved to an even .500 with their 46 – 38 win against Clinic Jan. 13.

Enforcers dominated the boards throughout most of the first half, but Clinic pushed back as the half ended with Enforcers up by three, 21-18.

The tide stayed in favor of Enforcers through the second half although Travis Dilk did not consider his team to be playing their "A" game.

"We got lazy because of the holiday break," Dilk said.

Dilk, normally Enforcer's leading scorer, passed his skills to Monte Matthews as he drained the game-high 14 points.

Ray Olaes and Matt Weir led Clinic with 11 points each.

Standings

Team	Record
Business	7-0
NTC	4-1
Top Gun	3-4
Enforcers	3-3
Rock Bottom	1-5
Clinic	0-6



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

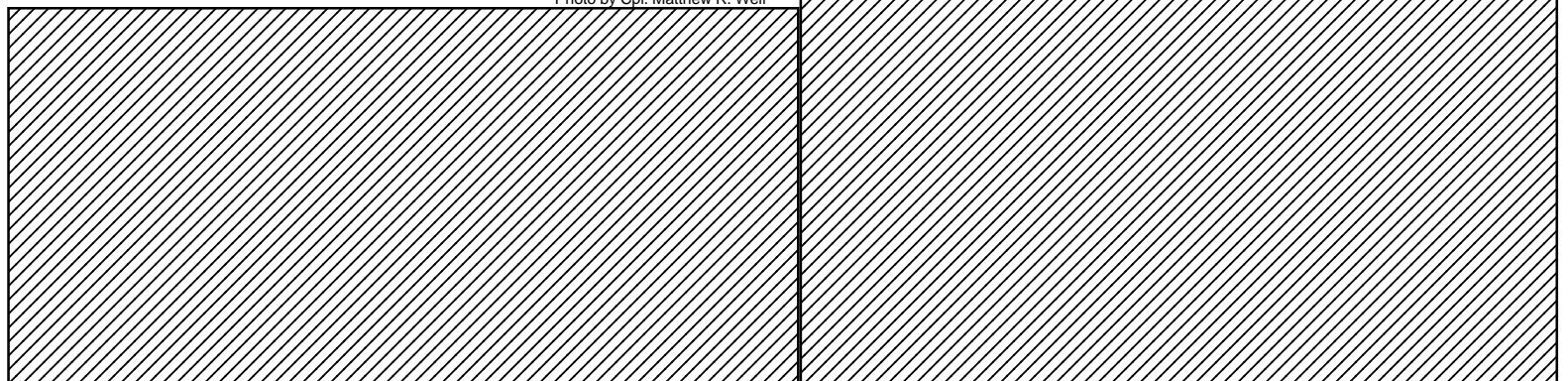
Taking it to the hoop

(Above) Top Gun Elder Reyes tried to keep out of Business range with four 3-pointers in last week's game.

(Left) Top Gun couldn't manage to get off many inside shots while Business dominated under the hoop.



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir



BRIDGING THE GAP



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

Marines and civilian Marines helped one another to make the pallet building an easier task.

By Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

BARSTOW LOG staff

Keeping equipment ready to deploy to operating forces around the globe is a main goal of a logistics base.

The palletizing of equipment is not considered very exciting training, but it has to be done so Marines can open their equipment in any area and have everything they need.

Sgt. Theodore Clark and a small detachment of Marines from A. Co., 7th Engineer Support Bn., Camp Pendleton, arrived at Fleet Support Center Barstow Jan. 10 to take apart pallets of medium girder bridges originally sent to Yermo more than 10 years ago and re-pack them as individual bridge sets.

Clark compared the original shipping to having two cars sent to the base, some assembly required.

"You had two engines and hoods on one pallet, and eight wheels



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

LCpl. Alfredo Lozano guides Fred Haskin's forks between bridge pieces during pallet dismantling.

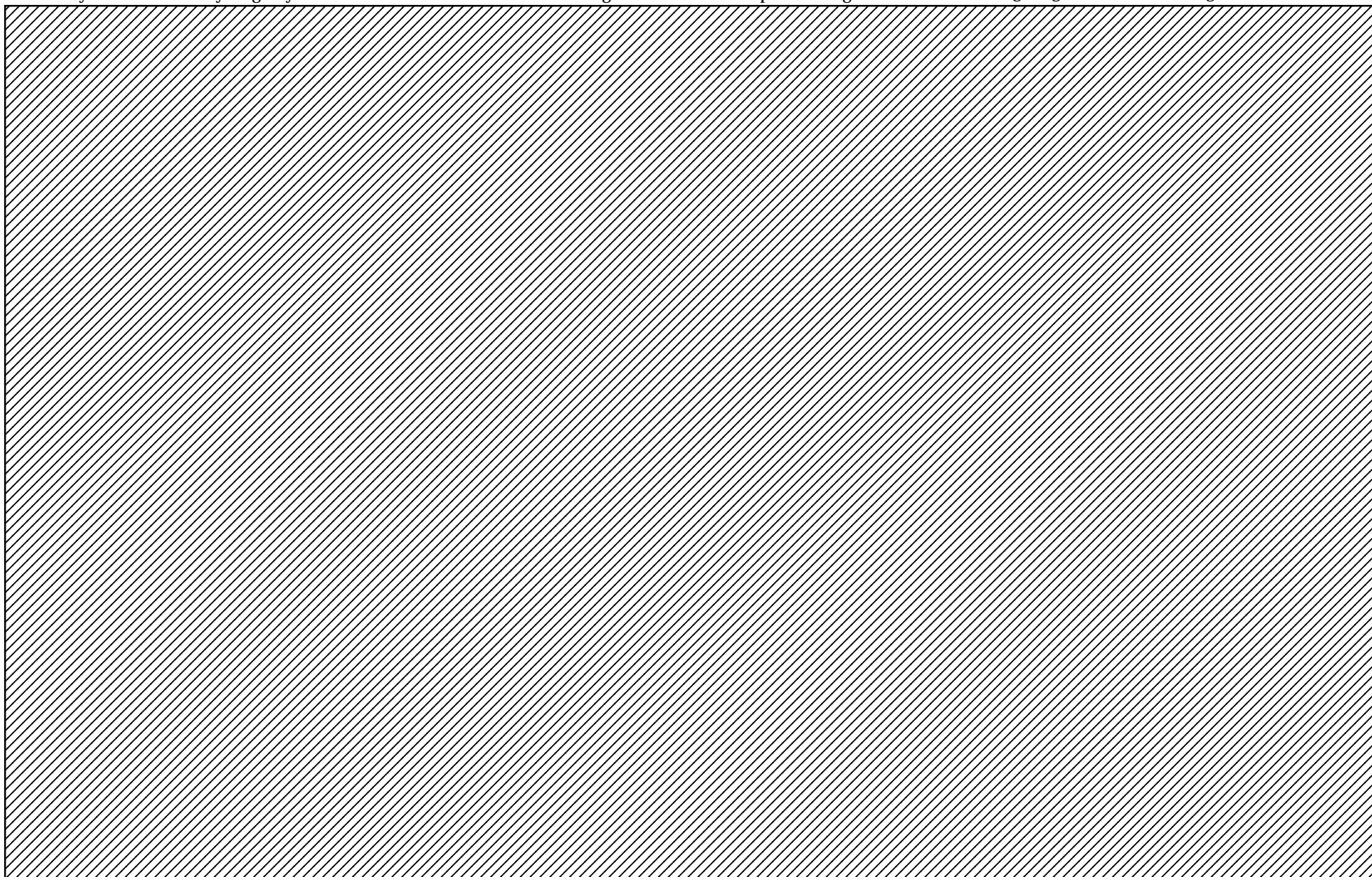
and eight doors on another pallet," said Clark. "We repacked them so we could send it out with one car on each pallet."

The work did not go as fast as it would have at Pendleton, according to Clark, it did not take as much manpower either. ESB Marines normally have as many as 25 people help to lift the heavy equipment when setting up pallets at their parent unit. Here, they do not have as many people, but they have the help of the Fleet Support Centers civilian Marines and their forklifts.

"It took a little longer," said Clark, "but the forklifts made the job a lot easier."

Fred Haskin, material handler, FSC said he was happy to help make the Marines job easier, after all, they were getting him out of the warehouse for a little while.

"Working with the Marines was a good experience," said Haskin. "This was the first time I worked with bridge sets. I look forward to getting to work with them again."



1970 OLDS CUTLASS: 2-door, V-8, auto, air, smog-free car. \$2,000 or trade for 4x4 running or not. Call 252-9199.

1966 CHEVY P/U: ¾-ton, 3-Speed Manual Trans, rebuilt 350 engine, still under warranty. \$2,000 OBO. Call 252-3925.

1979 MONTE CARLO LANDAU: 2-door, custom paint, new engine and transmission, three pumps, eight battery, 10 switches, needs interior work, only \$3,000 OBO. See at 1260 Monterey Ave. Call 252-3802.

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FOR SALE: 27 ft. Catalina sailboat, located at Camp Pendleton with a military slip that transfers with the boat. Way too many upgrades to list. \$12,000. Call 957-1812 for details and pictures.

FOR SALE: Kenmore dryer, heavy duty, gas, \$40. Call 244-6709. (Hesperia)

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CONGRATULATIONS: Peter Colby for being selected for Officer Candidate School. Love, Yvette, Brhiana and Bowen.

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like you were in a courtroom. It was a lot more relaxed once we got started."

"I'd say he was more prepared than the other nominees" said GySgt. Frank Patterson, MOQ board member. "It was mostly his presence that won him the board. He kept his bearing and didn't falter even when he didn't know the answer to a question.

"Maintaining bearing is really the most important thing on a board. I don't ask difficult questions just to make sure a troop fails; I want to see how the Marine reacts under pressure."

Whenever stumped on a question, "I try to visualize the BST in front of me," said Anderson. "The hardest question was when the first sergeant asked what I would do if I were the base commander for a day. You have to think on your feet to give a good answer."

The next step for Anderson is the meritorious corporal board in late March.

"I know what I have to do with studying and setting up my wall locker. The drill is going to take a lot of work," said Anderson. "I'm pretty sure I know who else is going up for the board. I've got my work cut out for me. I have to be that much better if I expect to win."

"He's been here a short time, and he hasn't let me down once," said Goldsworthy. "I wish him luck on the next board."

Anderson's MOS designation is as a cryptological technician. As the only crypto tech on base, he's assigned to repair the equipment.

"The crypto usually doesn't need to be fixed, so he works mostly outside of his MOS," said Goldsworthy. He has done an excellent job of adapting."

Still in the second year of a five-year enlistment, Anderson is already contemplating his future in the Marine Corps.

"You hear a lot about people getting out because the money isn't good enough," said Anderson. "People shouldn't consider just the pay. If you budget right, it's not an issue."

"It seems like everybody in my MOS is going overseas for their last year," said Anderson. "I have to see how my family handles it. That should help me decide whether or not to re-enlist."

In exchange for the accolades he has earned as the new Marine of the Quarter, Anderson speaks as highly about his Band of Brothers.

"The Marine Corps is a lot more flexible than people think," said Anderson. "People treat you with respect as a person. If you're stumped on something, you can ask your seniors for help. Everybody's been in the same spot before."

"I think everybody should spend at least a mandatory two-year enlistment in the armed services," Anderson continued. "I can't speak for the other branches, but the Marine Corps gives you direction. You take pride in knowing you can accomplish a task."

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that makes a real difference in this crazy world.

Having Marines in your charge is a great responsibility.

So go ahead and get out. All I'm saying is don't get out before stopping to smell the roses along the way. Think about it.

If you've never seen the look on an old helpless woman's face while rolling into her city for a hero's welcome after liberating her people from atrocities and oppression - maybe it's too soon to leave.

If you've never walked into a nightclub or restaurant in your blues with a couple of your fellow Marines for some well-deserved liberty, and felt the

warmth, generosity and admiration from the Americans you serve - maybe it's too soon to leave.

If you've never marched in a hometown parade and witnessed your fellow Americans get to their feet in respect to applaud you as you passed - maybe it's too soon to leave.

If you've never felt the pride and responsibility of wearing sergeant chev-

rons while being the one calling the shots - maybe it's too soon to leave.

If you've never had a small child hand you a flag from his native country, hug you, and say thanks for saving his family - maybe it's too soon to leave.

Think about it. A life in the Corps is not for everyone. You have served your country. Just don't cut the flowers before they have a chance to blossom.

