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Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

## Seeking a good home

These new energy-efficient toilets are staged in rank and file and ready to be installed in Desert View housing. The Public Works department acquired 418 new high-power tanks, which consume 1.6 gallons per flush vice the standard 3-5 gallons. According to Doug Sandford, mechanical engineer, the new toilets will save an expected 4.8 million gallons of water per year. Public Works is coordinating with the Base Housing office to arrange installation. To make arrangements for installation at your convenience, call Bill Kearl at Public Works at 577-6012 or Sgt. Mario Rivas at Base Housing at 577-6871.

## YAC, a constant work in progress

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan  
BARSTOW LOG staff

The children living aboard MCLB seek a place to unwind after a tough day, just like anyone else. The stomping ground of choice, "where everybody knows your name," is the Clara B. McKinney Youth Activities Center.

The YAC, a converted elementary school in the Base Housing area, serves as a recreational haven for children from ages six through 17.

"We make everything available to them that we possibly can," said Margaret Young, YAC director. "They can pretty much come in and play."

Although the imagination is an asset to children, they need not look far to find their outlet.

The center provides games and sports equipment, including a new 15-foot climbing wall, as a physical outlet. There's also a computer lab, three giant screen televisions with cable TV and the latest video game systems, a snack bar, arts and crafts and more. There's also an outdoor playground and picnic area with basketball and tetherball courts.

"It's different from the big city," said Young. "Out here in the desert, they can feel secluded. We try and get anything we can bring in for them."

The YAC is a constant work in progress, according to Young. They just completed a six-

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## Commandant directs retention standdown

Barstow Marines will focus on reenlisting Marines Tuesday and Wednesday in a series of meetings and a luncheon.

The reenlistment effort is in response to All Marines message 017/00 which is direct guidance from the Commandant. According to the ALMAR, the Commandant's immediate objective is to reach this year's First Term Alignment Program goal of reenlisting 5,788 Marines. The base has 28 FTAP-eligible Marines, according to SSgt. Robert J. Munroe, Career Planner, Headquarters Battalion.

The effort begins Tuesday with a Professional Military Education class being given to all officers and staff noncommissioned officers on retention and the benefits of making a career in the Marine Corps. They can then knowledgeably talk to their troops about staying in the Marines.

Wednesday is a luncheon for the enlisted Marines and their SNCOs and officers.

No further information was available at press time.

For more info call the Career Planner at 577-6684.

## Multi-Cultural Heritage committee seeks help

By Cpl. Matthew R. Weir  
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Multi-Cultural Committee here is looking for acts to showcase during the Multi-Cultural Heritage Day celebration scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 17.

Three acts, a group of Native American Dancers, the Bellringer Square Dancers and Folklorico Dancers, are tentatively scheduled to perform for the celebration.

"We are still looking for mariachi bands, Irish dancers, bagpipe players or anything to represent different cultures," said Kim Whaley, entertainment coordinator. Now that the clock has run down past the two-month mark, Whaley is in a crunch to find more talent. Even though she could book all the way up until the day of the celebration, she said she hopes to have everything locked on by April 15.

The heritage day committee has planned to serve ethnic foods representing each culture in the base gymnasium along with an arts and craft exhibit in the gym's aerobics room.

Local schools are also planning to set up cultural booths sponsored by ethnic clubs.

This is the first year for the event. Committee members are hoping the mid-week event will encourage local school participation.

The heritage day celebration should bring the

cultures closer together, according to Anita Lewis, multi-cultural committee chairperson. The groups will learn more about one another while being together than they did celebrating during months designated for separate special emphasis groups.

The celebration will also be a chance for each culture to represent itself apart from any special emphasis group. Now, a Cuban can say "This is my culture," or an Irishman can show his culture without the labels Hispanic American, white European or falling into any other large category, according to Marva Johnson, Human Resources Office.

According to Lewis, this committee was formed in part because of the limited resources each special emphasis group had.

Special emphasis groups were spending a lot of time on projects during their months and trying to get buy without much in the way of funding, said Lewis. With all the groups pooled together they have been able to procure nearly \$10,000 towards the heritage day celebration.

"This has been done for a couple of years around the Navy and the Marine Corps with a great deal of success," she said. "This was a step forward for this base."

For more information about the event or to be a part of it, contact Anita Lewis at 577-6788, Kim Whaley at 577-6508 or Robin Cross-Walker at 577-6395.

**Power Outage**  
The power to BOQs 3-7 and Bldgs. 17d, 128, 129, 140 and 141 will be out March 25 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Human Resources Office**  
Benefit information, new amendments, TALX and RESUMIX. See Page 6



**Sports**  
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Find a deal, get some lunch, then be sent to school by Harlem Ambassadors. See Page 10

# 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.

## Why a Commander's Forum

In the Jan. 20 issue of the BARSTOW LOG, I published a response to a Commander's Forum call regarding the military police doing a "burn out" at the guard shack at Yermo. That article resulted in follow-on calls questioning the veracity of the published response. Two of the three respondents identified themselves which allowed PMO to contact them to find out more about their observation of the original situation. This is exactly what should happen.

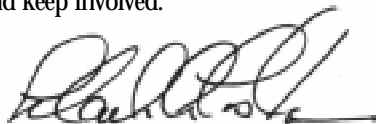
I continue to have the Commander's Forum because I am serious about soliciting your input about what's happening around the base and also as a means of bringing to my attention concerns which you may not be able to resolve through other means.

When you identify yourself, I will have someone call you to inquire more about the

situation you are bringing to light so it can be adequately investigated. Without specific information to act on, the base staff can only respond to your concerns based on sketchy information.

I encourage you to continue to bring issues to my attention through the Commander's Forum. Also, for issues dealing with the military police, please contact the Provost Marshal, Maj. Leonard D. Miller, directly at 577-6669.

As always, I encourage you to stay informed and keep involved.



Col. Mark A. Costa  
Base Commander

## Are there any saved rounds?

By Lt. Michael Michener  
Base Chaplain



At the end of each firing detail, the range safety officer always asks, "Are there any saved rounds?" This is the same question asked by the CO or XO at the end of our staff meetings. The reason these questions are asked is because it is often those unexpended rounds of ammunition that are most dangerous. Once "cease fire" has been declared on the range, everyone relaxes and assumes no extra shots will be taken. Occasionally, someone forgets they have an extra bullet or two and a weapon accidentally discharges without regard to the direction their muzzle is pointed. People get hurt when these accidents happen. The CO and XO ask these questions because they know surprises can be dangerous. They would rather be prepared for events and issues than hear about them after the fact. After the fact only allows for damage control. Knowing issues and events beforehand allows for damage

prevention.

I remember when I was on Guam from '78 to '80. We were given many warnings about the unexploded ordnance that was laying around in the jungle left over from World War II. Many people would go on hikes and happen across the bombs. They were very unstable because corrosion had decayed many parts of the bomb. We were always instructed to leave them alone and in fact stay clear from those bombs. Unfortunately, every year we would read about someone who ignored the warnings and would lose a hand or be killed because the bomb blew up when they went to "look at it." Saved rounds and old bombs are simply unsafe.

This same kind of principle is valid in marriages. All good marriages have times when disagreements occur. How those disagreements are handled are crucial to enduring relationships. It is appropriate to discuss, argue and on occasion, even yell in the midst of a conflict. But once the conflict is addressed and resolved it should be forgotten. When either party brings up an

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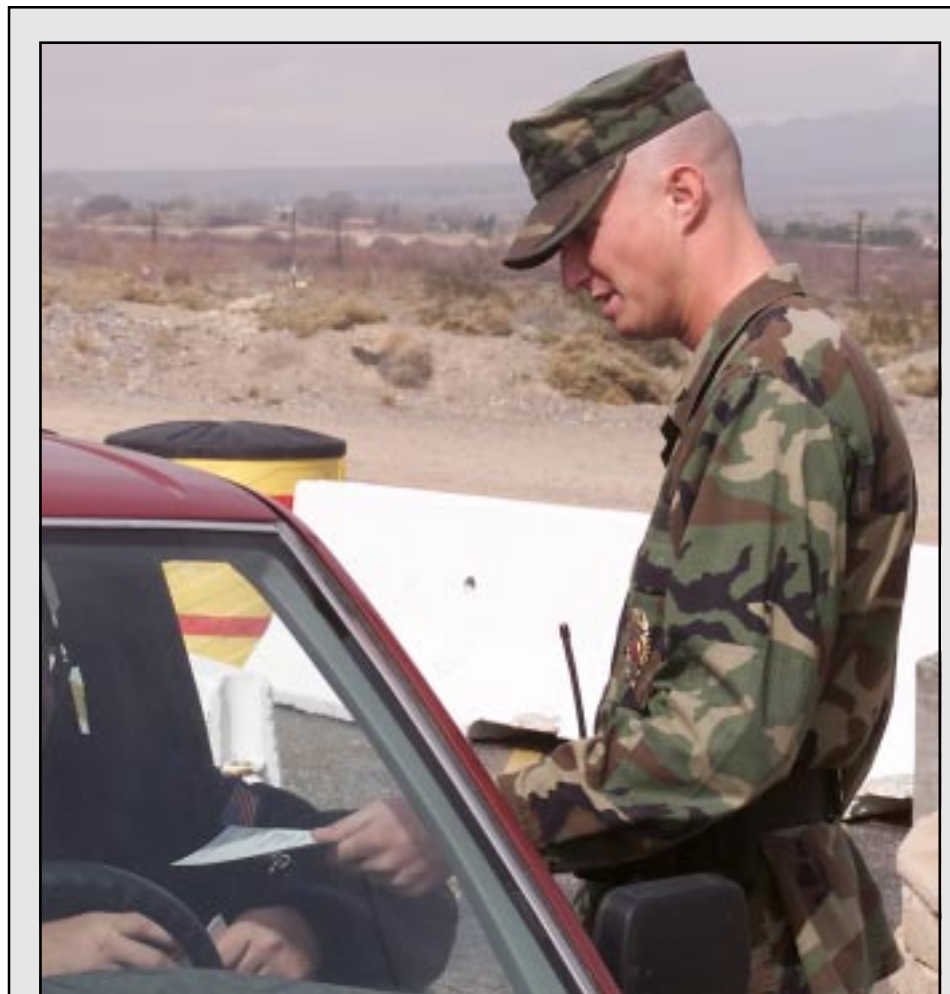


Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

## Just doing my job ...

LCpl. Wayne Kopanski checks the driver's license and vehicle registration of a base visitor. Kopanski, an Apple Valley native, did not have to go far from home after joining the Marine Corps.

"Being here has its pluses and minuses," he said. "I joined the Corps to get out of the desert, but it is nice to be close to home."

## The difference is in the pride

By Cpl. Matthew R. Weir  
BARSTOW LOG staff

There was a large meal on the kitchen table at my grandmother's house every Sunday after church. No matter what we were eating, Grandma put a lot of pride into that meal for us every Sunday.

This Sunday I fixed a meal; Voila, out of the freezer and in your mouth in 15 minutes. Not a bad meal, but I can't take credit for cooking

and it is hard to be proud of microwaving skills.

That made me think, "If I'm not making an effort in what I eat, am I making an effort in my own life, or in the Marine Corps?" If I'm not making an effort, how can I be proud of what I am doing?

I don't have a kitchen in the barracks, so taking pride in what I cook really isn't an

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### Chapel Hours

Protestant

Sun. 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday

11 - 11:30 a.m.

Catholic services will not be available until April 2.

### Yermo Bible Study

At the Colonel's Workshop

For more info call Don Brooks at 577-7165.

### Correction:

The phone number for Weed Army Community Hospital was published incorrectly in the March 17 paper. The correct number is (760) 380-3777/3124. The BARSTOW LOG regrets the error.



Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, California  
Colonel Mark A. Costa, Commanding Officer

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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](mailto:daileyb@barstow.usmc.mil).

## Wild West Night

Fleet Support Center hosts 1880s Wild West Night Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Oasis Club. The evening opens with a cocktail hour from 6-7 p.m., followed by dinner from 7-8 p.m.

After dinner, the real fun starts with a live DJ, line dancing, contests and more. Guests will receive free souvenir mugs while they last.

Tickets cost \$12.95 at the door. All military and civilian personnel are welcome.

For tickets and info, call Capt. Kenneth Quiner at 577-7776 or contact your section representative.

## TRICARE Help through E-mail

TRICARE Help E-mail Service (THEMS) is the Army's free service designed to get you quick answers from the experts to any TRICARE question, from basic TRICARE information to claims issues.

E-mail your TRICARE questions, issues or concerns to [TRICARE\\_Help@amedd.army.mil](mailto:TRICARE_Help@amedd.army.mil).

If you have additional questions or need more help, each inquiry and response is filed so you can ask for more help on the same issue.

For more info contact Retired Activities Office in Building 129 at 577-6533.

## New Parent Support

The New Parent Support Program Playmorning, open to all parents with children under 6, is Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the McKinney Center.

Call Sandra or Casey at 380-4021 or 256-5751 for more info.

## Personal Affairs Workbook

If you were to die, would your spouse or other family members know where to find crucial information? Records of birth and family, military service personal file, a will, tax and bank account records, property and life insurance records and numerous other important pieces of information are

vital to anyone who is left to settle your affairs.

The Retired Activities Office has a Personal Affairs Workbook available. This 11-page document provides a way for you to put all your important information in one place. If you would like a copy of this workbook stop by the Retired Activities Office in Building 129 or call Stephanie Wilson at 577-6533

## English CLEP test

The base education office will administer the English CLEP test 7:30 a.m., April 11, in Bldg. 302.

A passing grade on the test earns 6 credits of college level English and fulfills Park College's requirement for English 105 and 106.

The next test will be given June 6. There is no cost to military personnel and a \$44 fee for spouses and civilians.

The number of tests is limited so contact Rich Johnson at 577-6118 to order yours today.

## Leave Sharing

Terry L. Trouberman, Maintenance Div., I&L Dept. and Agnes Bialkowski, Base Safety Div., have been affected with medical emergencies.

Anyone wishing to donate leave may submit a leave donor application to their department administrative office.

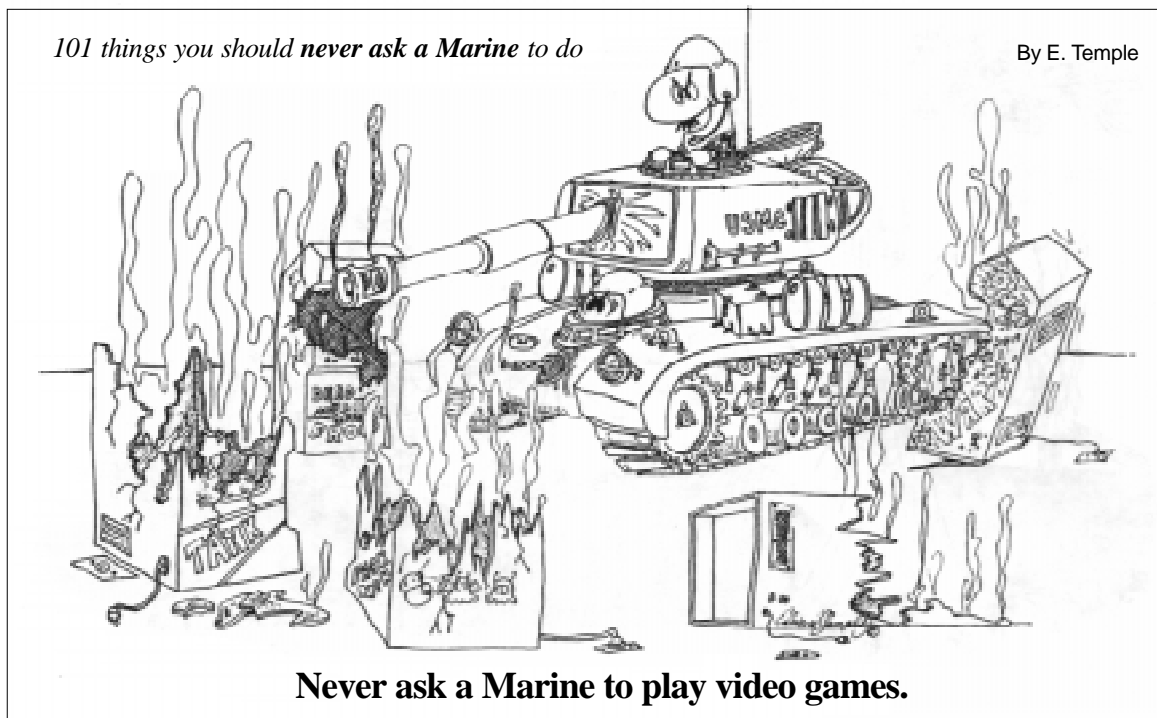
## National Professional's Day (Formerly known as Secretary's Day)

The Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association is having a luncheon April 18 at the Oasis Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Guest speaker Lauri Cloud is scheduled to give a speech on "Exercising Your Value in the Workplace." Cloud put herself through college while raising three children.

After graduating she went to work as an accountant for a "Big 8" firm in Las Vegas. Two years later she started her own business until she incorporated in 1992 and became president and CEO.

After selling her business in 1998,



she developed numerous workshops and lectures which she presents throughout the United States.

The luncheon consists of Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf and other side dishes.

Tickets are \$8.50 per person which includes meal, gratuity and cost of the speaker, and may be purchased from any of the CWRA representatives listed below:

Name	Phone
Dan Keirn	577-6614
Frederico Molino	577-7210
Ed Guz	577-6183
Vince Chavez	577-7731
Barbara Kulseth	577-6771
Kay Servais	577-6233
Wrayanne Huddleston	577-6182
Barbara Kent	577-7382
Tangia Joseph	577-7230
Bruce Rowe	577-7207
Cliff Acles	577-6896
Ed Frey	577-6940
Richard Tusing	577-6492
Ernie Hawkins	577-7046

## Career Fair

Barstow College and the Desert Dispatch are hosting a Career and Education Fair March 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"We anticipate the Career and Education Fair will be as successful as last year," commented Fontella Grimes, counselor, Transition and Career Planning Center. "There will be a chance for everyone to explore employment training and educational opportunities."

The fair provides information to students, area residents and job seekers about transferring to four-year colleges and universities, career planning activities and training in resume writing, dressing for success, and interviewing skills.

If a resume is required, there will be a resume writing workstation during the fair. Attendees can have an on-the-spot resume designed for only \$5.

Area high school juniors and seniors will be transported by bus to attend the fair, courtesy of the Schools to Careers Grant.

All attendees are encouraged to dress professionally and bring a current resume for prospective employers to view. Some company interviews will be conducted during the fair by one of the five dozen employers invited to attend.

Representatives from colleges and universities around California and Nevada will be attending.

The fair is free to the public and is being held in the Barstow College Gymnasium at 2700 Barstow Rd.

For more info call 252-2411, ext. 7350 or 7212.

## Tax season cometh, VITA stands ready

According to Benjamin Franklin, only two things in life are inevitable: death and taxes.

While you are on your own concerning the former, we can help you out in the case of the latter, because the only thing worse than having to pay money back to the government is trying to decipher the tax forms and legal

numbo-jumbo.

The good news 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.

Marines and their families normally receive their refunds via electronic deposit within 10 days and save from \$50 to \$200 in commercial preparation fees.

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

Name	Phone
<b>U.S. Marines</b>	
CySgt. Michael Claudio	577-6533
SSgt. Robert J. Munroe	577-6684
Sgt. Mario Rivas	577-6871
Cpl. Kyran Ramcharan	577-6623
LCpl. William J. Sierra	577-6784
LCpl. Patrick J. Snyder	577-6784
<b>U.S. Navy</b>	
HM1 George W. Mosier	577-6081
<b>Civilian Marines</b>	
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

## CWRA Getty Museum Trip

The base Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association is planning a trip to the Getty Museum April 22.

This is an exceptional opportunity to see one of the world's largest collections of paintings, classical antiquities, bronze and marble sculptures, photography and much more.

The collection includes art works

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## Job Watch

Annc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
OTR-034-00	Motor Vehicle Operator	02-29-00	03-28-00	03-14-00	MCLB Barstow
	WG-5703-08 (Temp NTE 1 year)				

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.donhr.navy.mil>.

## Navy-Marine Corps Relief Fund Drive



Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

### Good Food – Good Cause

Jeff Shaw of the 3P Maintenance Shop gazes over the spread prepared by the Budget Office for the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society bake sale. Tuesday's proceeds totaled more than \$700. The origins of this annual fundraiser are sketchy but bake sale historians trace it back at least 16 years. For information about leftovers, call Nancy Derryberry at 577-6701.

### Key Personnel

Name	Section	Phone
Bertie Dailey	PAO	577-6430
Meredith Taylor	HRO	577-6478
Cpl. Kyran O. Ramcharan	Finance	577-6623
Ed Guz	Public Works	577-6183
SSgt. Gary Owen	MCCS	577-6899
LCpl. Nicole D. Verene	HqBn	577-6663
Paul Aviles	Repair Div.	577-7165
Brenda German	MC	577-7139
CySgt. David Pooler	HqBn	577-6696
Linda Heald	TMD	577-6219
HM3 Greg Hulburt	MED	577-6591
SSgt. Pete S. Holm	PMO	577-6515
Steve Mulcare	Fire Dept.	577-6865

### March 24

**Camp Pendleton**  
\$100(4), \$200, \$500  
**MCLB Barstow**  
Coleman 'Trail Ridge' sleeping bag  
Nintendo 64 system  
\$100 gift certificate (for MCX)  
Minolta Traveler 35mm camera  
CharBroil gas grill  
Blaupunkt CD car stereo

### March 31

**Camp Pendleton**  
\$100 (4), \$300, Ford Escort  
**MCLB Barstow**  
Huffy 15-speed mountain bike  
JVC VCR  
\$100 gift certificate (for MCX)  
Woman's and Man's USMC watch  
JVC camcorder

### April 7

**Camp Pendleton**  
\$100 (4), \$400, Ford Ranger  
**MCLB Barstow**  
vTech 900MHz phone  
Sony Playstation  
\$100 gift certificate (for MCX)  
Sharp 3 CD stereo  
Fisher wall-mountable CD stereo  
JVC 27" TV

### April 14

**Camp Pendleton**  
\$100 (4), \$500, Ford Mustang GT  
**MCLB Barstow**  
vTech 900MHz phone  
Discovery S700 35mm camera  
JVC VCR  
USMC standing clock  
\$100 gift certificate (for MCX)  
Magna 21-speed mountain bike  
Fisher wall-mountable CD stereo  
JVC 32" TV

## Base Inspector - here for you

By Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

BARSTOW LOG staff

Tucked away in a corner of Building 15 is a one-man shop not many people know about but can help save a lot of time when looking for solutions to work, home and base problems.

MSgt. David W. Vanhovel, base inspector, is taking it upon himself to try and find an answer to

everyone's problems before they are sent to higher headquarters.

"If problems cannot be resolved here I am personally disappointed," he said. "I personally do not think there are many problems that cannot be resolved on the base."

According to Vanhovel, too many people think they need to go straight to their Congressman if they want to get an answer. Even though Vanhovel is required to provide an answer to Congress within three days of receiving a Congressional Inquiry, it can take months before it reaches his office.

"Many of my taskings are time sensitive," he said. "All congrits and DoD Hotline complaints are assigned a due date by Headquarters Marine Corps. When I assign an investigating office, I give them a due date also . . . If I cant keep that schedule I make sure to keep

them informed."

Before Vanhovel assumed his post as the base inspector, the office held a very reactive stance when it came to solving problems.

Right now Vanhovel has plans to try and stay in the position until he retires three years from now. As his legacy he hopes to make the inspectors office as proactive as possible,

searching out problems and making people feel comfortable contacting him.

Although he would like to have everything kept in house, Vanhovel

looks at all the problems realistically. Some problems will occur that cannot be handled here, according to Vanhovel. Problems that arise due to the loss of the Defense Logistics Agency's Commercial Activities study will probably have to be sent to headquarters Marine Corps to get answers, he said.

Being a one-man shop, it is not always possible to catch Vanhovel in his office, but he said when he is there his door is always open, and if he is not, his answering machine is always on.

To contact the base inspectors office call 577-6725 or reach the office by e-mail at [vanhoveldw@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:vanhoveldw@barstow.usmc.mil)

***"If problems cannot be resolved here I am personally disappointed."***

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old issue that should have been forgotten months or even years ago, it is like a saved round in the chamber of the weapon that discharges in who- knows- what direction.

When I am foolish enough to bring up something Jennifer and I discussed months ago and she thought it was resolved and I didn't, it damages our marriage. "Saved rounds" in a marriage are never appropriate.

It is much wiser and safer to deal with everything that may be bugging me at the time rather than bring it up several weeks later. Jennifer and I don't always agree. She is often right about things and I have to either be man enough to admit I'm wrong or simply agree to disagree. If I don't agree but acquiesce to her point of view, then I also cannot allow that issue to be ammunition in a later disagreement.

When our disagreements occur, the ensuing discussion, argument and even yelling should be limited to the issue at hand rather than something from the past.

Two weeks ago, the Barstow Log reported on the CREDO marriage retreat that several Marines and their spouses attended. One of the great things about the marriage retreat is that it gives the couple tools that help diffuse those unexploded bombs and deal with "saved rounds" before they reach the point of danger. SSgt. Brett Hohmann had this to say about his CREDO experience:

"Thank you for letting us know about the CREDO Marriage Enrichment Retreat.

My wife and I attended and although we had attended PREP classes shortly after marriage at Camp Pendleton this helped us remember those things that we had forgotten and taught some new.

Although it is put together and taught by Chaplains, it was not a spiritual retreat. It was designed to enhance marriages and build better bonds with your spouse.

Although my wife and I have a good marriage, we both are smart enough to know that there are a lot of ways that it can get better. Anything worth while is worth improving and working on, especially communication with your lifelong partner and friend.

Throughout the weekend we learned about the differences in our personalities and why we do certain things. Through this and

different communication we learned about the things that we do that may upset or bother the other partner. Once this is realized both can work to improve it, one to try to stop that habit the other to be more understanding of it.

We also learned how to communicate with each other and how to discuss any potential problems with an ounce of sanity.

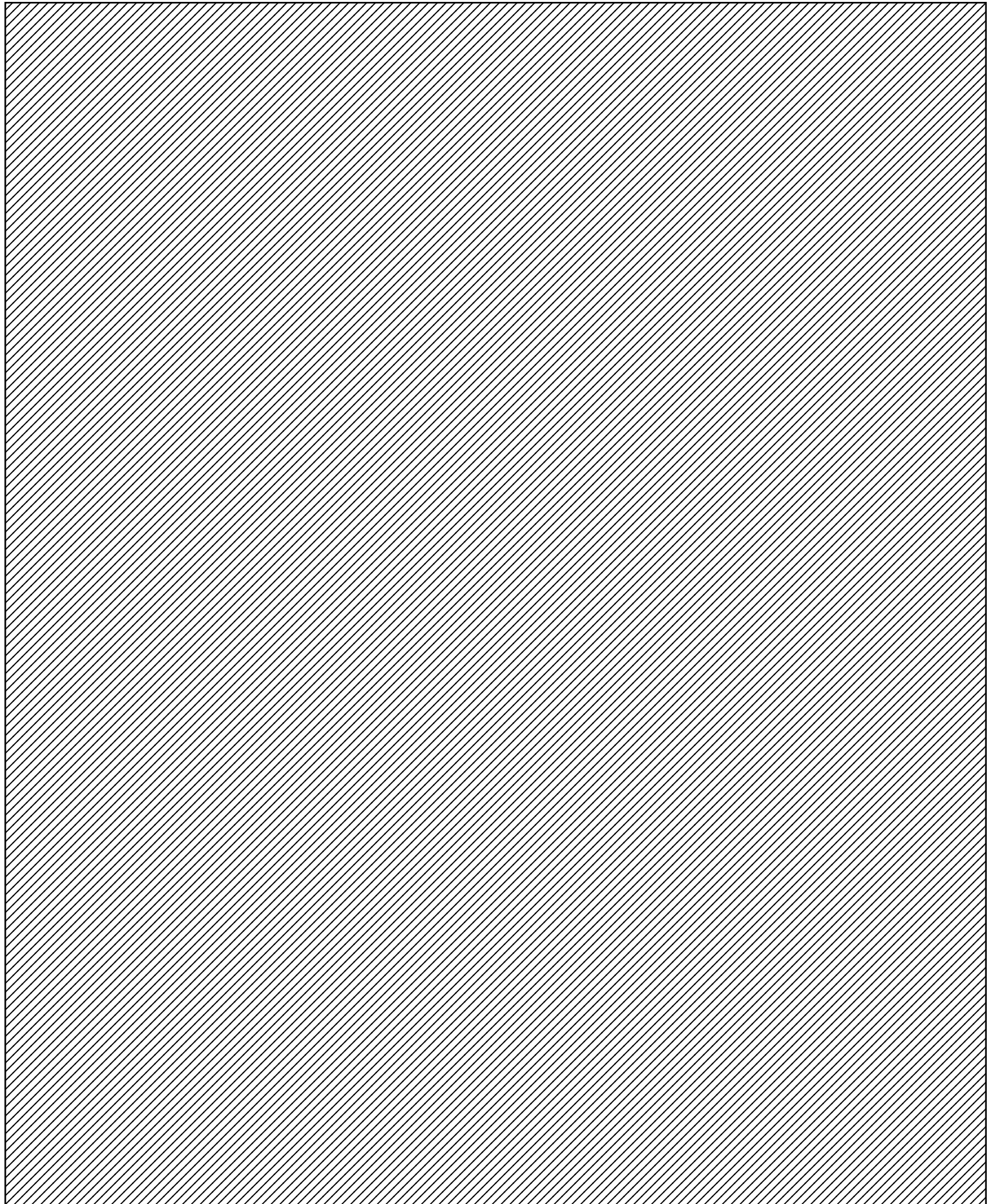
Even though we learned a lot about communication and each other, the icing on the cake was the location and the amount of quality one on one time that we had together. It has been over five years since my wife and I have spent more than a few hours alone, this enabled us the whole weekend, to learn about each other, to rediscover each other, to talk and listen to each other, to spend quality

uninterrupted time together and just have fun. I would have to say that I had one of the best weekends of my marriage at this retreat rivaling even my honeymoon.

I would strongly recommend this program to anyone and everyone who is serious about their marriage. It is amazing what this one short weekend can do for you."

My goal as the Command Chaplain is to help as many couples attend the CREDO retreat that possibly can. I often say to couples, "I want to give you as many tools as possible to grow old and slobbery together." Let's take care of those "saved rounds." Call my office and let's get you scheduled for your marriage retreat.

Blessings,  
Chaplain Michener





# THE HUMAN SIDE

Civilian Human Resources Office, Southwest – Barstow Satellite Office

Meeting the Challenge of Change

## TALX the work number for everyone

Submitted by  
Human Resources Office

Last fall, the Department of the Navy implemented an automated employment/salary verification system. The system is called The "Work Number for Everyone", TALX Corporation operates it. In 1997, TALX was awarded a contract by the Department of Defense to provide employment verification services to all subordinate agencies. As we move to pursue our modernization goals, the Marine Corps/Navy is moving forward to enhance operational efficiency and customer service. The "Work Number", is another step toward that goal. The service is fast, accurate, convenient, easy to operate, and removes the burden from the personnel community.

The Work Number is a proven system. Private industry, as well as governmental agencies use the system. Employees will benefit from the quick response their lender/verifier receives on employment inquiries. This will make loan processing faster and alleviate the waiting on the part of the employee. The system is very secure, because it is the employee who authorizes access to their employment/salary information. Use of the system is free to the employee. The procedures for lender/verifier access to employment information are easy to follow. Lender/verifiers who have used the system have welcomed its introduction.

Listed below are the most "Frequently Asked Questions" about the system.

What is the "Work Number for Everyone"?

"Work number" is a service developed by TALX Corporation to automate the verification of employment and salary information. The service is computer-based and accessed by touch-tone phone.

Why are we using it?

Use of the technology not only benefits human resource professionals who previously spent many hours processing requests for information but also employees whose employment and salary verification can now be provided within minutes. Loans, etc., can be processed faster, it is confidential, and free to the employees.

How does it work?

DOD provides employment and salary information about employees to TALX Corporation from the Defense Civilian Personnel Data System (DCPDS) and updates that information monthly. Employees applying for any type of loan, credit card, or even a new job call the "Work Number" at 1-800-367-2884 to get an authorization code. This code allows verifiers to access both employment and salary information on that particular employee. Verifiers call "Work Number" and enter the authorization code along with the employee's social security number (SSN) and DOD's company code, 10365. "Work Number" provides information to verifiers by voice and fax.

Who can use "Work Number"?

Non-member mortgage companies, and other lenders, as well as rental agents who need employment and salary information, can access "Work Number" by calling 1-900-555-9675 on a touch tone phone. Member verifiers access "Work

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## Obtaining benefit info – retirement, health/life Insurance, TSP, leave

Submitted by  
Human Resources Office

During the past few weeks, a lot of questions have surfaced regarding how to obtain benefit information. The Human Resources Service Center-SouthWest (HRSC-SW) has a website which brings together information on all of your benefits.

This site has current information on health and life insurance, retirement, savings tools, Thrift Savings Plan and Leave. The Life Insurance site includes a calcula-

tor program which allows you to calculate your current and after retirement life insurance amount. The Retirement site also includes a calculator which will estimate your CSRS benefit or your FERS benefit.

The Health Insurance site contains information on all the current plans with information on how to help you choose a plan; annuitant information; frequently asked questions and also includes 1998 and 1999 plan information. You may even click on the "Health Benefits Form, SF-2809" icon and download a form to complete and forward to the HRSC-SW.

The Leave site contains current information on all types of leave and also includes information on proposed regulations.

The Thrift Savings site is actually a link to the [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov) website and contains all the information you ever wanted to know about TSP but were afraid to ask.

Keep yourself updated and visit this all encompassing internet site. Go to: <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>, click on Current Employees, then click on benefits and you are there.

HAVE FUN!

## Amendments, Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998

Submitted by  
Human Resources Office

On November 30, 1999, President Clinton signed into law the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act (Public Law 106-117). Section 511

of this new law amends the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998 (VEOA) in several important ways:

1. The new law makes it clear that eligible veterans who wish to take advantage of the increased access to jobs provided by the VEOA must compete under an agency's Merit Promotion procedures. Furthermore, the law provides that a veteran who is selected from the best qualified group will be given a career conditional appointment in the competitive service.
2. The provisions of the new law are retroactive to the original date of enactment of the VEOA-October 31, 1998. This means that Schedule B appointments made under the VEOA must be converted to career conditional or career without further competition provided the veteran actually competed under a Merit Promotion announcement. However, if the veteran was given a Schedule B appointment noncompetitively, he or she must still compete to obtain a competitive appointment, as the law prescribes.
3. Finally, the new law authorizes OPM to regulate the circumstances under which veterans who have substantially completed an initial tour of military service, but who are released short of the 3 years minimum service required in the original VEOA, maybe appointed under this authority.

We will be issuing interim regulations as soon as possible to implement the new law. In the meantime, agencies should begin to identify those in-

dividuals serving under Schedule B who are to be converted to the competitive service.

Questions and Answers concerning the

administration of these provisions are available on the OPM website at: <http://www.opm.gov/veterans/html/veoAaiaag.HTM>

## Further your career with RESUMIX, submit your resume now

Submitted by  
Human Resources Office

Vacancy announcements will not normally be posted, as it is the responsibility of employees who are interested in advancement, career changes, reassignments, etc., to submit their resumé to the HRSC. The resume will then be placed in a database called Resumix. Resumix is an automated system used to process applications. It uses an artificial intelligence to extract the skills reflected in the resúmes and matches them to the duties required in specific positions. Resúmes will receive consideration as vacancies occur within the geographical area(s) identified.

Vacancy announcements posted are those open to the public. Also posted are vacancies for which the search for a particular series (under merit promotion procedures) did not produce any applicants.

To learn what you need to do to apply under Resumix, access the base Intranet website, <http://mclbonline>. Click on Civilian

Info, then on Vacancy Announcements. Click on Applicant Kit to learn how to apply and the recommended resumé format. Click on Additional Data Sheet, which contains questions that must be answered and attached to your resumé. The Additional Data Sheet will not be counted against the maximum 5-page resumé limit. On the same page of the website, you will find 52 series' families for which you may apply. Click on the series number block to learn more about the series you are interested in. On the Additional Data Sheet, list all the series numbers for which you are applying.

If you do not have a computer, you can access the same information from the computer in the Self-Service Center, HRO office, building 37. With your supervisor's permission, you can go there between the hours of 0700 and 1530.

Submit your resumé now. Only typed resúmes can be processed. Resúmes can be sent via MCLB's e-mail per the

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HRO Manager: Esther Gonzales, 577-6479  
 Management Support Assistant: Meredith Taylor, 577-6478  
 Staffing/Classification: Lucy Wais, 577-6487  
 Patricia Reeder, 577-6252  
 Equal Opportunity Employment: Yolanda Ojeda, 577-6022  
 Employment Assistance and Awards Information: Kathleen Dunham, 577-6357

Labor and Employee Relations: Shaunna Arguelles, 577-6914  
 Karen Ross, 577-6913  
 Worker's Compensation: Donna Coppi, 577-6279  
 Josie Marquez, 577-6481  
 Training Information: Marva Johnson, 577-6965

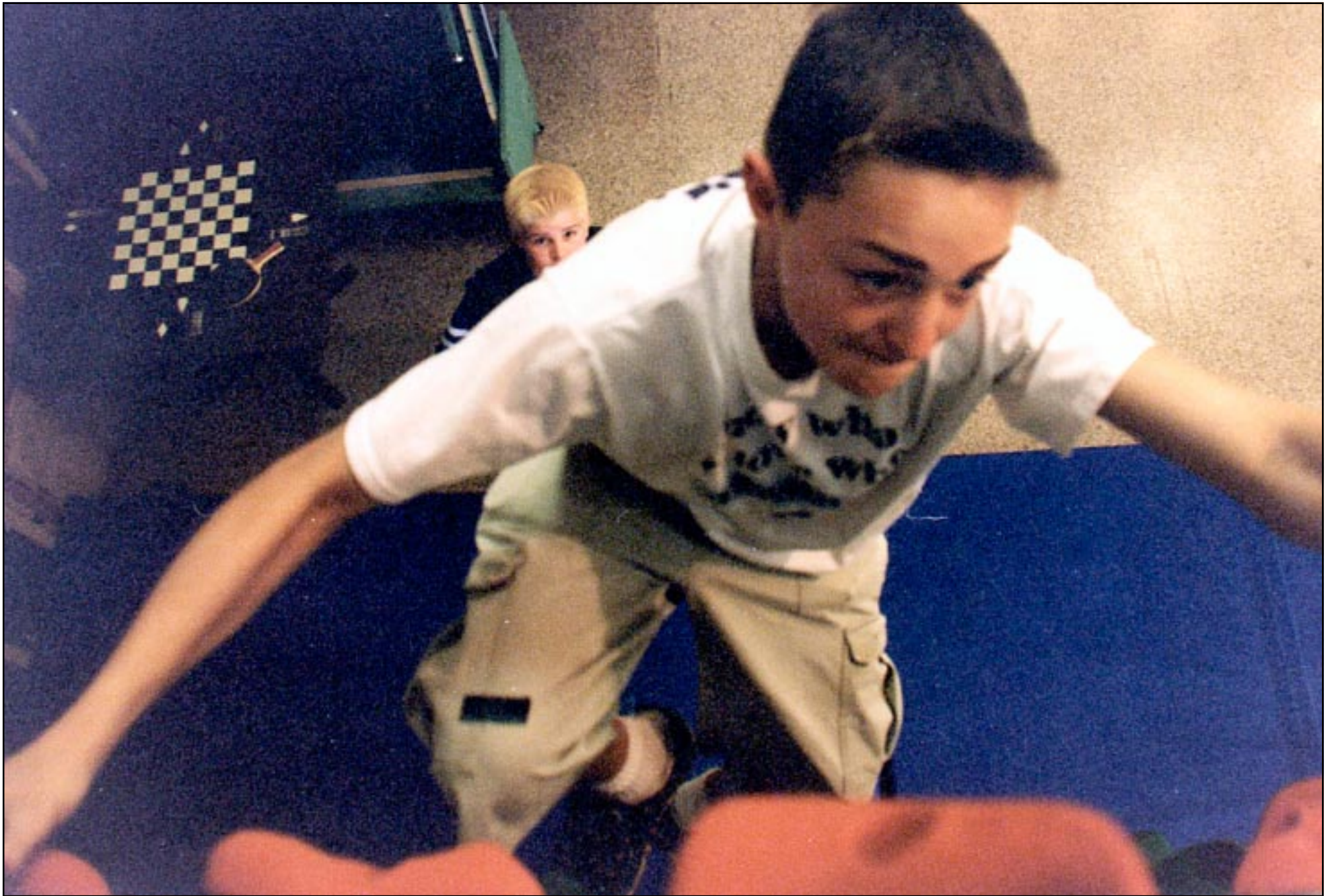


Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

Brandon Mickey, 15, scales the state-of-the-art climbing wall as Charlie Knight also 15, spots him from below.

## *Enriching children's minds, bodies, getting them out of the house*

### YAC from Page 1

month renovation project, where they rebuilt the stage, and added computers, pool and air hockey tables.



Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

Video game enthusiasts sit four abreast in front of the center's large-screen televisions, playing on the industry's newest systems.

The next aim for the center is to gain an affiliation with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. "That would open a lot of doors," said Young. "We would gain national sponsorships, and we can join the Youth of the Year club."

An ongoing construction project will eventually lead to Internet access at the center. For now, the computer lab has four systems available with a variety of games and educational aids.

"Homework takes priority over the games," said Young. "If somebody needs to do homework and somebody else is already on the computer playing a game, we ask them to go do something else."

For some, an afternoon at the YAC begins as soon as the school bus delivers them there. Parents have the option of allowing their kids to walk home at their leisure, while others pick their children up.

Young was aboard MCLB in 1990 when the center reopened. The old center was in the old officer's mess hall adjacent to base headquarters. The McKinney Center was dilapidated and served no function.

"It was just sitting here," said Young. "Parents got together and renovated the building. They bought paint, supplies and who knows what else."

Families attended the opening, where the center's namesake Clara B. McKinney cut the

ceremonial ribbon.

The YAC has endured 10 years as the nearest community outlet, despite dwindling numbers in personnel and frequent PCS moves.

"I've been coming here for about a year," said 11 year-old Brandon Knight. "If I didn't come here, I'd just sit at home and play Nintendo. I'd rather play with all of my friends."

"I just started this year," said Alex Holm, age 10. "Sometimes I stay until it closes. It's good because you can't have all your friends over to your house, you can all come here."

The YAC is open Tuesday through Friday from 2-6 p.m., and from 10-6 on Saturdays and weekdays when school is out.

"Spring break is coming up, so we'll be open longer," said Young. "We're taking a trip to Knott's Berry Farm, and I'd like to do something else with them during that week."

The center also plays host to other functions, such as National Night Out, the annual effort to wipe crime and drugs off of the streets, and the New Parent Support Program Playmorning for children ages six and under and their parents. Base housing also holds its resident forums there.

GySgt. Carolyn Fallin, billeting chief, sends her eight-year-old daughter, Sierra, to the center.

"It's a great place," said Fallin. "She usually goes every Saturday. She doesn't always go dur-

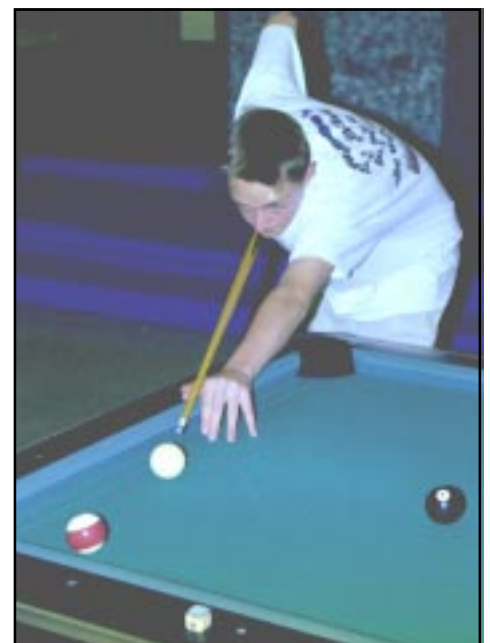


Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

Mickey lines up the 13 ball and the corner pocket on the center's new pool table.

ing the week because she has homework. When she goes during the week, homework is first priority. I talked to [the staff], and they make sure that she gets to her homework first. I can count on them for that."

"The workers are conscientious and really child-oriented," she continued. "I have nothing bad to say, whatsoever, about that place."

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Number" on a toll free number. If they need salary information, an authorization code is required and is provided to them by the employee. The employee can obtain the code by calling 1-800-367-2884.

Who is paying for this service? DOD is paying for "Work Number". For the first few years that the system is used, DOD is bearing the limited cost. After that time, agencies will be required to pay a very minimal cost per employee in the database. TALX Corporation charges verifiers for the use of the system, as either members who take advantage of a monthly billing plan with reduced rates or nonmembers who pay a per-minute fee to access the system.

What if my verifier tries to charge me for the verifications? TALX Corporation will reimburse you. Fax the billing information to TALX Corporation at 314-214-7587, or mail to 1850 Borman Court, St. Louis, MO 63146, Attn: The Work Number Customer Service Center.

When can a verifier or I access the "Work Number" system? The automated service is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

What is the difference between my PIN and the authorization code? The PIN is the month and day of birth, 4 numerals, is required when calling TALX Corporation to obtain an authorization code. To obtain an authorization code an employee needs her/his SSN and PIN. When the employee provides that authorization code to the verifier along with the SSN and DOD's company code (10365), the verifier is able to call TALX and obtain employment and salary information for that employee.

What if my verifier needs a signature on the verification form? The authorization code acts as an electronic signature. By giving them this code, the employee is authorizing them to access salary information. Industry leaders such as Fannie May, Freddie Mac, VA, and FHA accepted this entire process.

Where do I go for help if my verifier is resisting to use the "Work Number", or I need any other assistance in using the system? Employees and verifiers should refer all questions to the "Work Number" customer service center at 1-800-996-7566. The "Work Number" customer service team is available Monday-Friday, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Central Standard Time.

Who else, other than DOD, is using "Work Number"? Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; Comptroller of the Currency; Department of Commerce, Transportation, and Treasury; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Internal Revenue Service; US Customs Service; Hewlett-Packard; Motorola; Wal-Mart, JC Penney; Boeing; Coca Cola; Revco; Frito-Lay; General Electric; US Airways; Westinghouse; Lord & Taylor; Microsoft, and McDonalds to name just a few of the over 200 clients of "Work Number." "Work Number" has a database that includes over 20 million employee records.

Does the "Work Number" have a website I can access?

The web sites are: [www.theworknumber.com](http://www.theworknumber.com) or [www.talx.com](http://www.talx.com).

How do the hearing impaired use "Work Number"? TALX Corporation

has put the "Work Number" on the Internet. TDD capability is available at Internet address. Currently, the hearing impaired may contact a relay service that will call the "Work Number" customer center on 1-800-996-7566.

Are military members covered by "Work Number"?

Currently the system includes only civilian. Any expansion of coverage in DoD to the military would have to be coordinated between DoD leadership and TALX Corporation.

How can I be assured of the accuracy of the data in the "Work Number" system? DoD feeds employment and salary information monthly directly to TALX Corporation in St. Louis from the DCPDS (Defense Civilian Personnel Database System) in San Antonio. The information held at TALX Corporation is the same information found in official records related to your employment and pay.

If I am an "inactive" employee, i.e., not employed by DoD any longer, can a verifier/lender get historical employment/salary information about me from "Work Number" After you leave DoD, your employment and salary information remains in the system indefinitely. When a verifier requests information about you, you will be reported as an "inactive" employee.

I speak Spanish, can I use "Work Number"? Both Spanish and English instructions are available on the system. In addition, the customer ser-

vice center can translate over 140 languages.

What if I don't want "Work Number" to provide employment/salary information on me to anyone?

You can have your information "blocked" but only if requested in writing to your local HRSC, Records Management Branch. However, if you request your information be "blocked" you would have to request, in writing, for it to be "unblocked" if/when you wish to use this service yourself.

What if I want to use the "Work Number" but do not want anyone else who may have my social security number and birth date to be able to access it, and obtain an authorization code? You simply call the 1-800-996-7566 three times, obtain the maximum number of authorization codes (3), and retain the codes in a safe place until you wish to use them. As long as you have all three access code numbers, no one else can access your data but you may use them if/when you wish to permit someone access to the data.

The codes are valid for up to 6 months from date of issuance. No one can obtain access to your information unless you provide the access code number. The codes become inactive either when used or 6 months after issuance whichever occurs first. If you use one or more of the codes, simply call 1-800-996-7566 and obtain another. As long as you have 3 access code numbers, no one else can get

one.

Can I check up on the "Work Number" system by calling in and getting the same information that is provided to a verifier? No! Employees may not access the system. The information that is provided to a verifier is the same information that is in the DCPDS (Defense Civilian Personnel Database System), and the majority of this information is also on your Leave and Earnings Statement. Verifiers pay for access to this system.

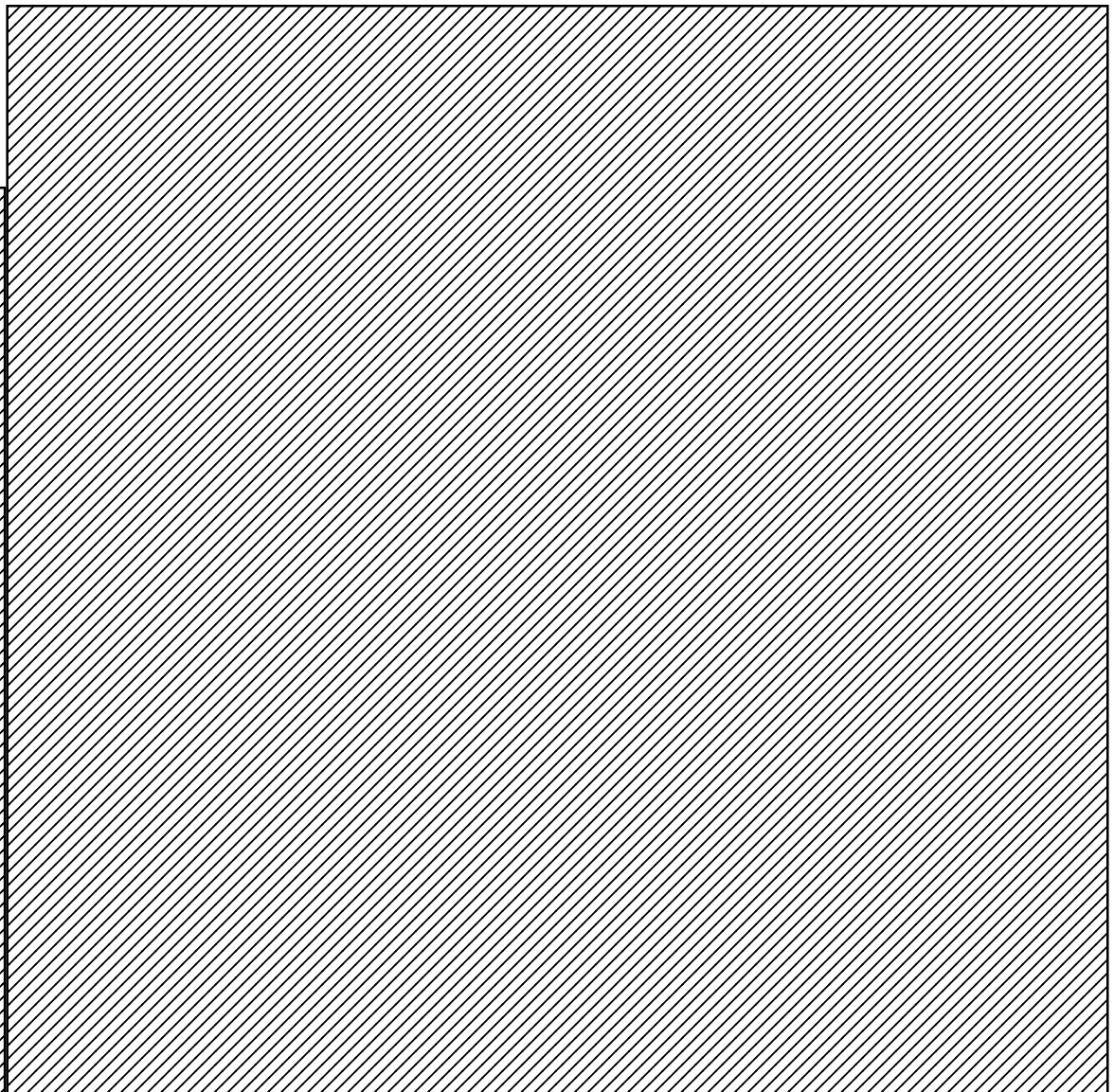
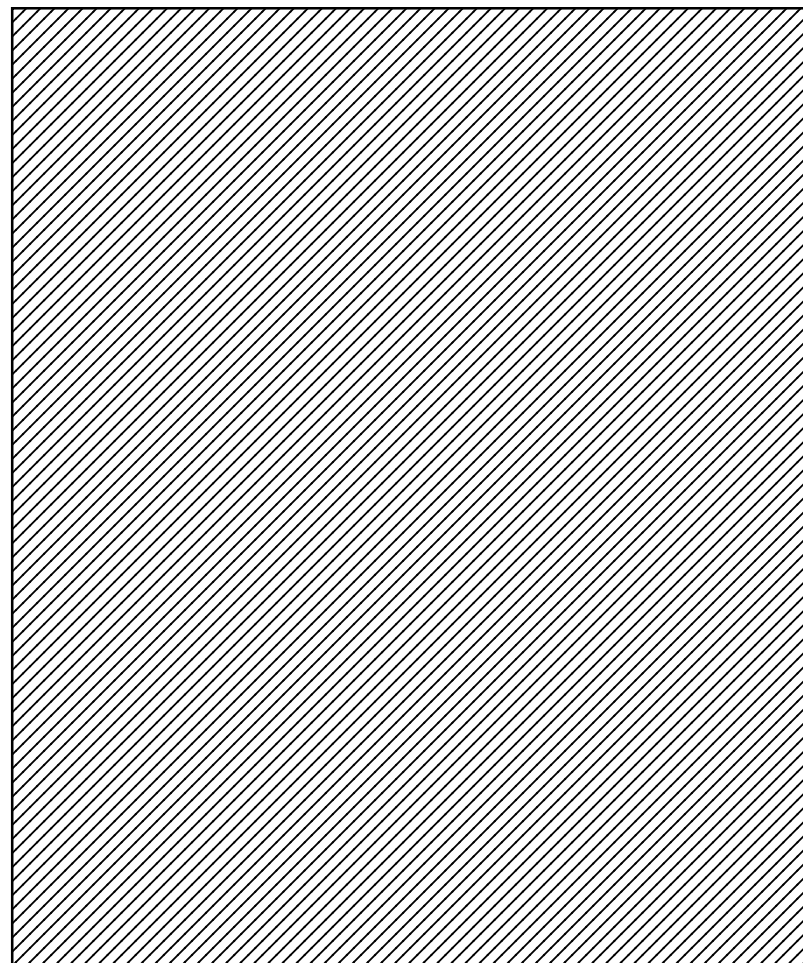
When my verifier dials the Non-member verifier number, 1-900-555-WORK, to access "Work Number", the verifier cannot get through? Some businesses/offices block use of "900" numbers. If a non-member verifier does not have access to use a "900" number, the business cannot access the system. If the business wants to verify your salary/employment, they will have to either join "Work Number" as a member verifier or have the ability to make a "900" call.

Important: "TheWorkNumber" telephone numbers:

1-800-EMP-AUTH or 1-800-367-2884 Obtain Authorization Code  
1-800-9-WORKNO or 1-800-996-7566 Customer Service

1-900-555-WORK or 1-800-555-9675 Verifier Access Number

If you have any further questions on the system, please contact the Processing and Benefits Division, Human Resources Service Center at (619) 615-5651 or DSN 245-5651.





# SPORTS

## Are you up to the challenge

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan  
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Harlem Ambassadors show basketball team is on its way to Barstow to share its brand of goodwill with the Marines of MCLB Barstow. The Ambassadors have issued a challenge to the "Desert Rats," a team of Marines yet to be assembled.

The Ambassadors begin their visit to the High Desert with an evening at the base NCO/Enlisted Club to sign autographs during the NCAA Championship game April 3. The next evening is set to be less cordial, with a game at the Barstow Sportspark against any Marines bold enough to take on the opposition.

"We're having a hard time putting a team together," said Harry Sherman, MCCA Operations Officer. "Even at this small base, we have some pretty good players. It should be a good blend of fun and serious basketball."

The Ambassadors, much like the Harlem Clowns who visited last month, play teams from the towns and cities they visit, often to raise proceeds for the community. They formed in 1998.

"This falls right in line with our

concept of bringing quality entertainment here," said Sherman. "We're always looking for things to do for all military personnel, their families, employees and from the community for that matter. They can have it here vice going out of town."

The dubbed "Queen of Show Basketball," Sandie Prophete leads the team on the court under the moniker "Lade Majic." The 5-foot 7-inch guard is currently the only woman to play for a show basketball team. She holds a master's degree in counseling from Upsala College and has played professional basketball for teams in Europe and the Middle East. She is the head coach and vice president of basketball operations for the team.

"We will put on a clinic against the Marines," said Ms. Majic in a publicity-seeking interview.

"The other show teams don't offer that attraction," said Sherman. "With a woman as captain of a men's team, the challenge is already built in."

The game begins at 7 p.m., and tickets will cost \$5 each. Children under age 10 attend for free.

For tickets or more information, call MCCA 577-6541.

To play for the Desert Rats, call Harry Sherman at 577-6269.

## Scoreboard

March 20

### CHALLENGERS vs. WASSUP

Challengers take the best of three series after game point third game.

Challengers opened the first game with a barrage of powerful serves from Mario Hidalgo. After two aces, Hidalgo slowed his serves to a returnable pace before being broke at 5-0. Good passing between the Challengers left C.J. Niusulu open for the right-handed crush.

After the breakpoint, Wassup closed within one but wouldn't see that close of a score again until the next game.

Even though the Challengers never went on more than a three-point run on serves, it was enough to keep Wassup from gaining more than a rally point between serves. Challengers ended up on top in the first game 25-17.

Wassup saw their first lead early in the second game as Francis Babeu took the first three points.

Niusulu continued to slam every ball that came within reach, but good digs and teamwork kept Wassup on top throughout the game as they ended 25-14.

The third game was a rally point seesaw as each team edged their way

up one point at a time. After being tied at 10 Wassup broke away for what should have been the end of the game. Game point seemed to be a wall for Wassup as they gave away the lead to the Challengers 15-14. Rally point brought the game to a tie again at 15, but one rally point and another crushing serve from Hidalgo brought the tiebreaker to a close 17-15.

### ROCKS vs. BEACH BUMS

Both teams forfeited the game as neither team had enough players to fill the court. This marked the third forfeit for each team making each team ineligible for the rest of the season.

### CHALLENGERS vs. ENFORCERS

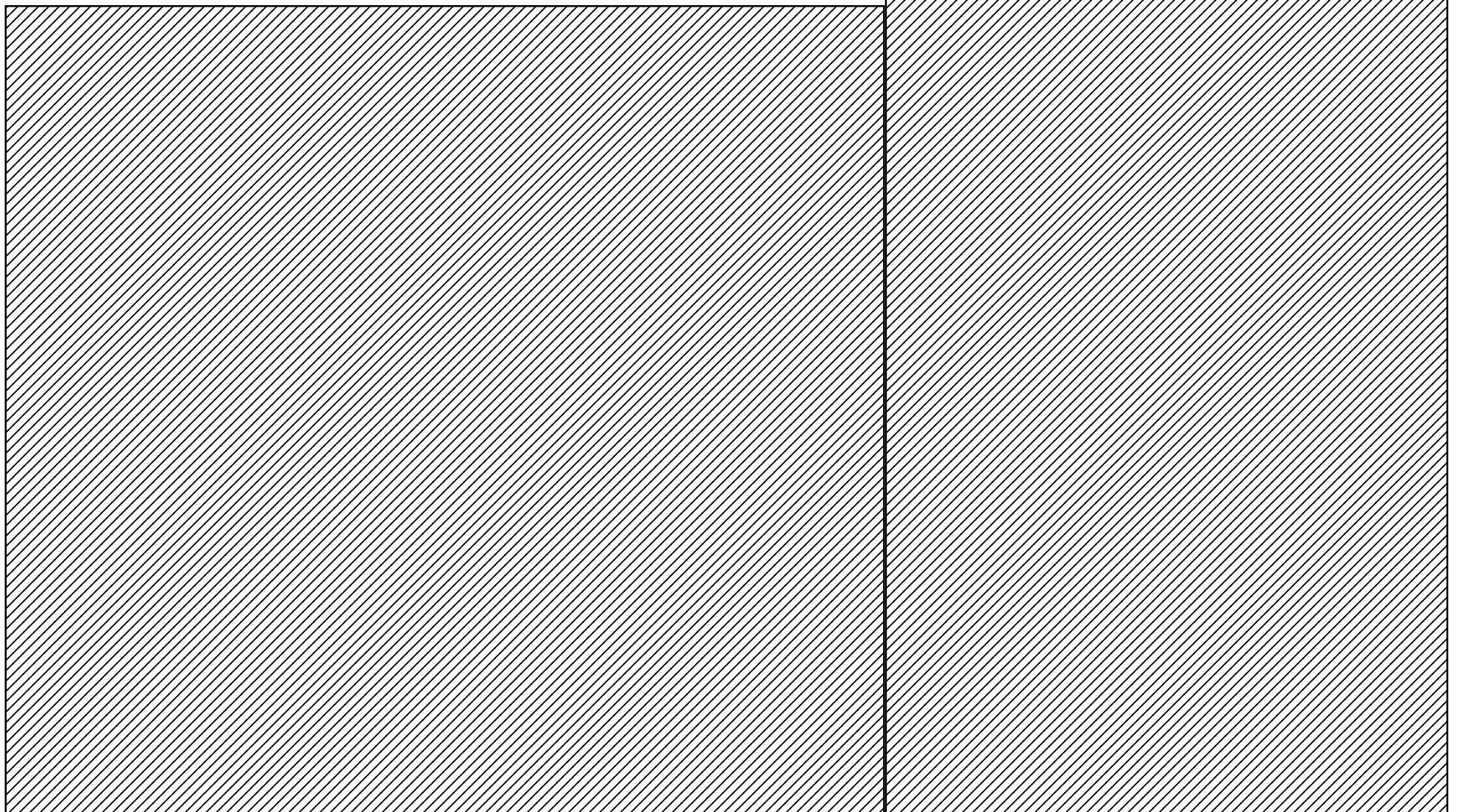
Challengers emerged victorious for the second time when the Enforcers failed to make an appearance. This forfeit disqualified them from the rest of the season.



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir  
Francis Babeu backs up Joe Martin as he digs a Challenger serve.



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir  
Micheal Huckaby swings for a spike but comes up a tip instead.





**By Jim Gaines**  
MCCS Publicity

**Shop MCX and save!**

Our Spring Sale is underway right now and runs through the end of March with great buys like these:

Save 10 percent off our entire selection of gas grill Bar-B-Ques, priced from \$229.

Kingsford 22.5" Bar-B-Que grill only \$39.99 while supplies last.

Save 10 percent off our entire stock of bicycles priced from \$44.99

Save 10 percent off all houseware.

Save 20 percent off all toys.

Save 50 percent off all figurines.

Shop at your Base Exchange; great bargains and everyday low prices.

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 more information on this sale.

**Lunch menu for this week**

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

**Today** - Chicken cacciatore, vegetable, roll/butter.

**Friday** - Hoki fish, rice, roll/butter.

**Monday** - Mexican fajitas, rice, roll/butter.

**Tuesday** - Beef stir-fry, rice, roll/butter.

**Wednesday** - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, vegetable, roll/butter.

**Thursday** - Chicken cacciatore, 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 call 577-6428 for both the Family Restaurant and the Cactus Cafe.

**Family Night Dinner Menu**

**Tonight** - Beef ribs, baked potato, vegetable and desert.

**Next week** - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, dessert.

Family Night dinners are served

Thursday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Family Restaurant (Nebo).

Prices: \$4.50 adults, \$2.50 children (5 to 11 years), children 4 years and younger are free. Price is the same for military and civilian personnel.

**Golf Course annual members**

If you're not an annual member of Tees & Trees Golf Course, now is the time to join.

Members receive \$2 off cart rentals, \$1 off range balls, every 90 days receive 10 percent off items in the Pro Shop, and starting in May we will have free food and beverages. Become an annual member today, why wait?

Tees & Trees Golf Course is open Monday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 577-6431 for more information.

**Traveling to San Francisco?**



The Marine Memorial Club (Hotel), in San Francisco offers exceptional room rates to active duty military, retired military and former military.

The Marine Memorial Club is located in the heart of San Francisco is close to the galleries, performing theaters, great shopping,

those historic cable cars and many other sites in this great city.

The Marine Memorial Club (Hotel) is available only to active duty military and those with prior military service and their family members and guests.

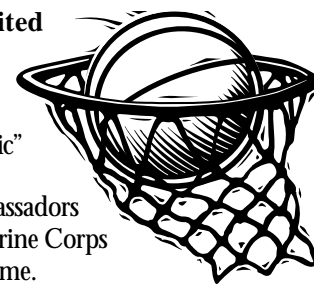
Prices for retired and former military personnel begin at \$85 up to \$325 with an additional

\$10 added on weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).

For more information or other questions call 1-800-5-Marine (1-800-562-7463).

Prices:	Twin	Double
E1-E5	\$40	\$45
E6-E9	\$55	\$65
CWO, O1-O3	\$65	\$75
O4-O10	\$85	\$85

**Slammin'... Jammin'... High Spirited Basketball - Fun For The Entire Family**



The Marine Corps Community Services and the city of Barstow presents "Lade Majic" and the Harlem Ambassadors.

"Lade Majic" and the Harlem Ambassadors have challenged the Desert Rats from Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, to a basketball game.

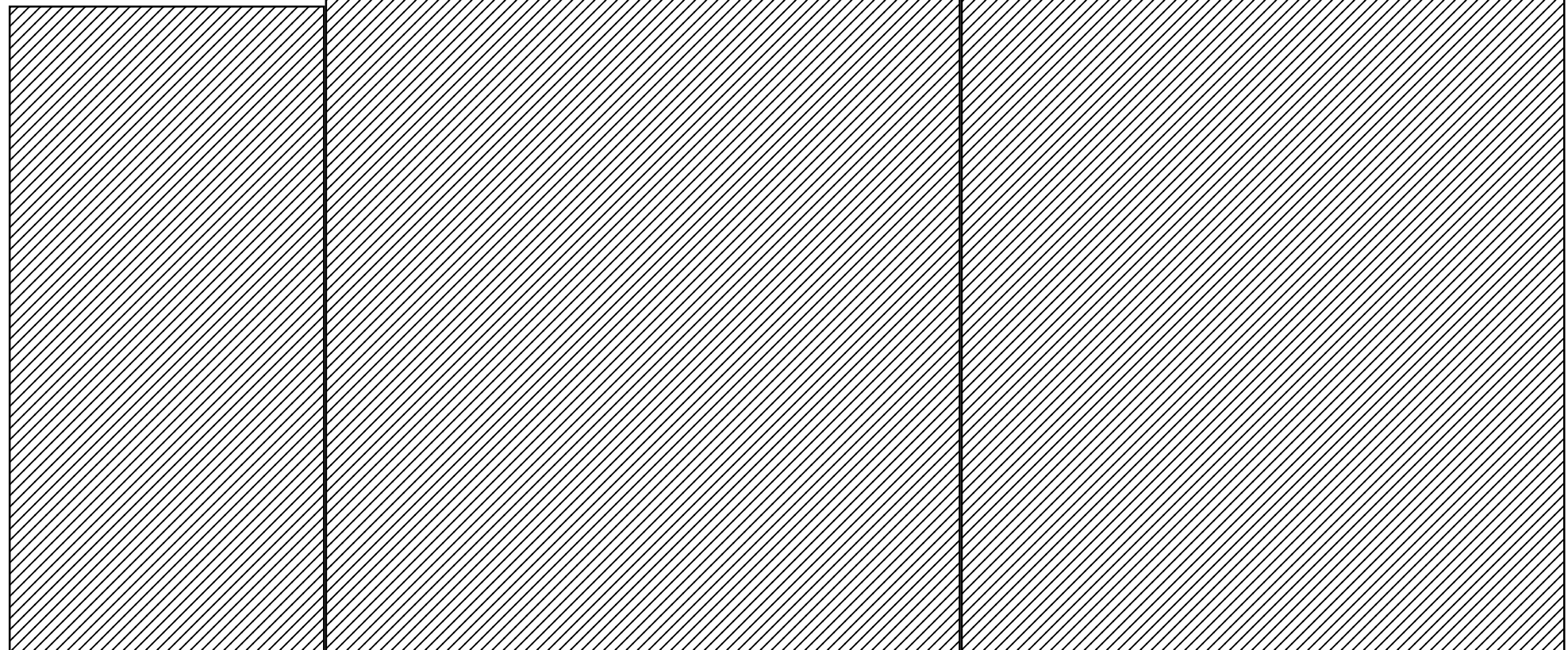
"We will put on a clinic against the Marines," said the woman star of the famous Harlem Ambassadors.

The event will take place on April 4, at 7 p.m. at the Robert A. Sessions Memorial SportsPark, Barstow. That's when the world famous Harlem Ambassadors meet the Desert Rats.

Bring the entire family, watch basketball at its finest and see if the Marines can "keep it close" or will they get "stuffed."

Tickets are on sale now. All tickets for adults and children 10 years of age and older are only \$5. Children 9 years of age and under are free.

For ticket information call ITT at 577-6541 or Semper Fit at 577-6971. For ticket purchases drop by ITT, located in the Bowling Center. Tickets are on sale through 4 p.m. April 4 or until all sold out.



**TRADER ADS:** Please submit all Trader Ads to [daileyb@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:daileyb@barstow.usmc.mil) by noon Friday.

**1964 VW BEETLE:** New tires, rims and interior. A steal at \$1,200. Call 252-3573.

**1964 FORD GALAXIE 500:** 2-door, 289. Hear it run. Ready to restore. \$1,500. Call 254-2066.

**1969 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL:** 2-door, engine needs headgasket, great classic, restorable car. \$350 OBO. Call 252-9199.

**1981 BUICK REGAL:** Custom rims, interior, hydros., custom paint. Needs minor engine work. Must sell. Asking \$4,000. Call 256-0651.

**1996 FORD MUSTANG:** 3.8L V6, manual transmission, fully loaded, black, Alpine CD player, only 35K miles. \$11,200. Call 254-3085 or (909) 584-9470 nights.

**1997 FORD RANGER:** Pickup, low miles, black, 4-cyl 2.3L eng. w/4-spd manual trans. and overdrive, A/C, AM/FM cassette with CD player, sliding rear window, custom paint. Asking \$10,000 OBO. Call 252-3355 AWH. Lv msg.

**1998 CHEVROLET CAVALIER:** PS, PB, A/C, AM/AF cassette, new tires and brakes, 35K miles, like new, teal-colored paint. Call 247-8974.

**1983 FORD F-250 LARIAT:** Extended cab, lots of new stuff, needs minor work. \$1,500. Call 254-2066.

**FOR SALE:** 2 Nishiki mountain bikes, silver, 26-in., 18-spd and teal 27-in., 21-spd. Xlt cond. For serious riders. \$175 each. Call 253-4263.

**FOR SALE:** Ford custom 474 engine 600 HP, new, never started, ported/polished, roller-rocker arms, balanced/blueprinted, Keith Black flattop pistons, high-rise intake, very large cam. \$8,000 OBO. Call 241-8967 for more details.

**FOR SALE:** Big block Chevy, cross-tunnel ram intake manifold, polished aluminum. \$300. Call 241-8967.

**FOR SALE:** Piano, dark maple, made by Story and Clark, xlt cond. \$900. Call 252-1059.

**FOR SALE:** Hutch, glass shelves, interior lighting, xlt cond. Must see to appreciate. \$185. Call 256-1430.

**FOR SALE:** Ford 302 high-performance engine. \$1,000. Call 955-8598 after 5 pm.

**FOR SALE:** 1995 27-ft. Coachman Catalina Lite camper, new tires, beautiful interior, sleeps 6, bedroom, bunk-beds, bathroom, cable, stereo speakers, must see to appreciate. \$11,000. Call 252-7119.

**FOR SALE:** Cellular phone, NEC Digital Talk 2000, leather case, extra battery and car charger included, just activate. Call 253-4263.

**FOR SALE:** GM posi rear end; Olds 455 engine; 400 Olds transmission. Call 252-9199 after 4:00 p.m.

**FOR SALE:** Sectional, blue, 2-recliner loveseat w/small storage area, queen-size sofa sleeper, like new. Must see to appreciate. \$800 OBO. Also blue rocker/recliner. \$15. Call 256-6632. Lv msg.

**FOR SALE:** Sofa and loveseat, country plaid, forest green/cream. Comes with matching coffee table and 2 end tables. Good cond. \$400 OBO. Call 252-3023.

**FOR SALE:** IBM computer with hardware, \$500 OBO; couch and loveseat, \$150; small entertainment center, \$75; creme-colored Sharpei, \$200. Call Sgt. Castorena at 256-9324 or 380-6417.

**FOR SALE:** Kitchen set, 5-pc., oak w/glass top, beige chairs. \$40. Call 253-7023. Lv msg.

**FOR SALE:** 27-foot Catalina sailboat, located at Camp Pendleton with a military slip that transfers with the boat. Way too many upgrades to list. \$10,500. Call 957-1812 for details and pictures.

**FOR SALE:** AM/FM stereo, radio w/8-track tape recorder, 14½-in. high, 9½-in. wide speakers. \$25. Call 242-8839

**FOR SALE:** Pet carrier/kennel, 21 in. long, 16 in. wide. \$20. Call 242-8839.

**FOR SALE:** Navy pea coat. Good cond. \$20. Call 242-8839.

**FOR SALE:** Green papasan couch. Good cond. \$80 OBO. Call 957-1743.

**MOVING SALE:** Sears 18-cu.ft. freezer, asking \$100 OBO; loveseat, hunter green w/pillows, xlt cond., asking \$250 OBO; Kenmore oven, white, only one year old, pd. \$375, will sell for \$250 firm. Call 252-2213.

**MOVING SALE:** Must sell couch, loveseat, washer and dryer, misc. household goods. Call 957-1747.

**WANTED:** Summer clothes for infant girl, sizes 18 mos - 2T, in good to excellent condition. Call 252-3355 AWH. Lv msg.

**WANTED:** Winch for car trailer. Call 252-9199 after 4 p.m.

**WANTED:** Ford 460 engine in good running condition. Call 254-2066 AWH.

**LOST:** Emerald wedding ring. Reward. If found, call 252-4726.

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank all my friends and co-workers for their generous leave donations and also for the many prayers and cards. God bless you all. Ed (Ski) Biakowski.

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Commanding Officer's policy of Feb. 23 or by U. S. mail. When applying by E-mail, there is no need to send a hard copy. If applying by U.S. mail, print on a Laser Jet printer, since ink jet printers do not scan as well. FAXED resumés will not be accepted. You may submit

your resumé at any time. Your resumé will remain active for one year from receipt or it will be inactivated when you are selected for a permanent position, whichever comes first.

By E-mail: E-mail your resumé in the body of your message. Do not send as an attachment. The Additional Data Sheet may be copied and

pasted from the website or your answers to each question may be included at the end of your E-mail text. Submit to

[wantajob@sw.hroc.navy.mil/](mailto:wantajob@sw.hroc.navy.mil/)

By U. S. mail:

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dating from ancient history through contemporary times, and it is considered one of the best and most diverse collections in the world.

Contact one of the following CWRA representatives for tickets and info.

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**PRIDE from Page 2**

option. But my Marine Corps pride is instilled at the bone.

Our pride in what we do sets us apart from everyone else in the entire world. From the pride we take every time we raise the flag in honor of our fallen brothers, to the pride we take scrubbing the barracks on our hands and knees.

We even take pride in what we wear. Our cammies might not always be pressed, and our boots might not always have that mirror shine, but all of us are too proud of our image to go to town dressed in camouflage.

A few weeks ago I had what you could call the pleasure of seeing a small Army unit in fatigues at Ruby's. It was bad enough they were in cammies, but they had just come from the field - dirt, dust, stink and all. When I asked their officer-in-charge if they were supposed to be at an off-base bar dressed like that, the captain told me he didn't see why they couldn't be as long as they weren't hurting anything.

Just being out there they were hurting something - the appearance of our entire military. No matter what the Army might think of their precious Fort Irwin, we are here and this is a Marine Corps town. By not taking pride in themselves they make us look bad and change the view of the general public.

The public's view of the military is more important than any politician's view. If the politician in office today likes the military, but the voting public does not, the next time an election comes up he will find himself out on the street.

We have to keep our popularity with all the people in the world by taking pride in ourselves and making the Marine Corps a unit people will always look up too.

I took my first trip to Big Bear in the beginning of February. A man next to me on the chair-lift struck up a conversation just because I had short hair. We exchanged the usually rhetoric, what branch are you in, how long, what do you do? Then he thanked me for my service to our country.

He had been a Navy Corpsman in Vietnam, living in a combat zone saving the lives of our fellow Marines. All I have done is two years on Okinawa and one right here, but he was thanking me.

How can I let him down?

I can't, I have to take pride in what I do.

