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MCLB celebrates cultural heritages in May

By Cpl. Matthew R. Weir
BARSTOW LOG staff

MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE, Barstow, Calif. – The Multi-Cultural Committee here is seeking volunteers to help with their inaugural Mutli-Cultural Heritage Day May 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Multi-Cultural Committee chairperson, Anita Lewis, and her committee are hoping to get High Desert communities and schools involved and turn the event into an annual event.

In addition to participation by on-base special emphasis groups, Lewis said, "We'd really like people from the many different cultures in the community to participate."

We're looking for ethnic dancers, cultural acts or anything else that individuals or groups would like to volunteer to help make the celebration a success "

A group of Native American Dancers, the Bellringer Square Dancers and Folkloric Dancers, are tentatively scheduled to perform.

"We're still looking for mariachi bands, Irish dancers, bagpipe players or anything to represent different cultures," said Kim Whaley, entertainment coor-



dinator.
Foods representing different cultures and an arts and craft exhibit are planned in the base's gymnasium.

Ethnic clubs in High Desert schools have been contacted about setting up cultural booths.

The heritage day celebration will bring cultures closer together, according to Lewis. "The groups will learn more about one another being together that they did celebrating during months designated for separate special emphasis groups," Lewis said.

"This will be a chance for each culture to represent itself apart from any special emphasis group.

Now a Dominican 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," said Marva Johnson, Equal Employment Opportunity Branch.

"This has been done for a couple of years around the Navy and Marine Corps with a great deal of success," said Johnson. "This is a step forward for the base and the community we serve."

For more information about participating in any capacity or volunteering your time contact Anita Lewis at 577-6788, Kim Whaley at 577-6508 or Robin Cross-Walker at 577-6395.

Marines transition from enlisted to Officer Corps

By LCpl. Cory Kelly
Base Commander

On January 27th, 274 men started off on an extensive "job interview" at Quantico, Va. Some of the men were civilians, and others were already Marines, yet none of them had full knowledge of what their Sergeant Instructors had in store for them over the next ten weeks.

Of those 274 candidates for Marine Corps officer status, 187 made it through ten weeks of Officer Candidate School.

On April 7th, former MCLB Barstow Military Police Sergeants Jeremy Brady and Peter Colby were among those graduating into the officer corps. Brady and Colby acquired their seats at OCS through the Meritorious Commissioning Program. According to the March 2000 issue of the Marine Corps Recruiting Command Newsletter, just less than 20 percent of the applicants who were awarded seats in OCS through MCP came from MCLB Barstow.

Second Lieutenant's Brady and

Colby both said OCS was similar to their experiences at boot camp in a lot of ways, but the courses structure and goals were completely different.

"In boot camp they try to break you down mentally and build you back up, but in OCS they focused on breaking us down physically then asked us to make decisions under extreme circumstances," Colby said.

Brady said, "you had to make decisions . . . you had to be seen, or (the Sergeant Instructors) would single you out and make it harder on you."

Both serving over four years as enlisted Marines before being commissioned is something Brady and Colby believe will help them in their careers as officers.

"All too often we get mission accomplishment, but we forget about troop welfare . . . I want to be able to accomplish the mission and have troop welfare, together," Colby said. "There is no substitute for experience," he said.

Brady and Colby are looking for

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Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

Slow down!

Results of a Military Police traffic survey have revealed that traffic at the Yermo Warehouses moves too fast during periods of high volume pedestrian traffic.

The speed limit on "C" Street in the vicinity of Warehouses 405 and 406 will be 25 MPH, but reduced to 15 MPH during the hours of 6-7:30 a.m. and 3-4:30 p.m. except for holidays.

The change will take effect in approximately two weeks. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Pete Holm at 577-6515.

Commentary: Corps mourns brothers lost in Osprey crash

By MSgt. Christopher Grey
MCB Quantico Public Affairs Chief

The headlines read "19 Marines killed" and the world keeps right on ticking. People go about their daily lives, worrying about trivial matters that mean so little in the big picture of life. Within minutes, the page is turned and those faceless headlines are forgotten by most. But I know those Marines are not forgotten within the Marine family. The wound is too deep. There is talk in the ranks about the crash, but not too much; defense mechanism perhaps; "could have been me."

The pain, suffering and sorrow is multiplied exponentially when such brave and noble men are lost; lives turned upside down and shattered

within seconds. Some of these young men only had a brief taste of life.

The devastated wives and children who have to face the reality their best friend, Daddy, and husband is gone forever. The pain is so excruciating. The children who can't comprehend, but will quickly learn they can never seek refuge in Daddy's arms again; the devoted military wife who will never again share a smile and a future with her husband. The parents, crushed to know that their son is gone.

The peers, friends and fellow Marines shocked to know that we all are here for a brief moment, then gone. The wrenching job of the Chaplain and Marine who have to look into the eyes of the Marines' loved ones and tell them their Marine is

gone; and the pain of the squadron and battalion who have to gather to bury their dead.

The task of the casualty officers who stand by the families' sides during their time of need. The Chaplains who bring the families through the time of darkness.

The Marines who escort the bodies to their final place of rest so our brothers do not have to be alone. The wound is too deep.

These lost comrades will never and should never be forgotten.

While headlines, conversations, and debates begin about the budget, costs of the airplane, etc., we as a family should focus on what really matters — the Marines and their families who gave so much to their country, to their fellow Marines

and to their Corps.

Where do we get such men? Marines who don't hesitate, who follow orders and take an oath to fight for liberty and the oppressed, like so many gallant men before them. What an honor to be associated with such people. We should all pay tribute. We should all take the time to read each and every name of the deceased, and know that although we didn't actually know that Marine personally, we all know each one of them very well. We all stood on the same footprints, felt the same fear, enjoyed the same pride. We all wear the same emblem, and have beliefs that are noble and good. These proud Marines will live on forever inside all of us, and our elite Corps of Marines.

What are you afraid of?

By Lt. Michael Michener
Base Chaplain



I have stalked to within 20 yards while hunting bear with a bow without fear. (Some could argue without brains as well). I have sailed on an LST across the Pacific Ocean in the midst of horrible storms without fear (although I was extremely seasick). I have walked through some of the roughest parts of major cities after midnight without fear. I have been stranded in the woods for hours without another person in sight and felt completely comfortable. There are some things I am simply unafraid of. And then there is the dark. It's true, I'm afraid of the dark. Oh, and there are spiders and snakes. Those things give me the creeps. I am also not a big fan of heights. People say, "never say never." But I can genuinely say, I will never bungee jump.

People fear many things. Most folks are afraid when there is an unknown. Some have fears of abandonment, or fear of rejection or failure. There are those who are immobilized by the possibility of germs. Others are consumed with the fear of being overweight. And still others are overrun with panic and fear when they are put in small confined spaces. These are mental issues. Fear occurs in a variety of shapes and sizes.

A third kind of fear concerns spiritual issues.

There are those who fear death and maybe rightfully so since they have not yet come to terms with God.

On two occasions, I nearly lost my life. As a teenager, I wrecked a motorcycle while going 90 mph. Another time I fell 3 stories from the peak of a barn. I was fortunate enough to not break a bone on either occasion. Although I am afraid of many things, I am not afraid of death. Don't get me wrong. I am not super human. I just have a strong faith in the message of Easter. As a Christian, it would be one thing to believe that Christ paid the penalty for my sins by dying on the cross in my place. That would be significant but I would still have to deal with the "death" issue. I have no fear of death because I know it doesn't have to be permanent. The Easter message means that I have reason to hope beyond the grave.

The Bible constantly reminds me that Jesus came to reveal God to us and show us an example of how to live our lives. Even in death, He gave us an example — that we are not defeated simply because our physical bodies no longer function. Christ defeated the hold of death on that first Easter morning. His resurrection showed all of humanity that we have no reason to fear death. One day, I too will receive a resurrected body — far better than the body I currently occupy. I don't know when that will happen. God's watch hasn't been synchronized with my Timex.

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by LCpl. Cory Kelly

Cpl. Christopher Jurgensmeyer, a repair technician in the Metrology Business Center, works on equipment that was developed far before he joined the Marine Corps. Working at the Center for just over a year, he says "it's nice to work inside a small unit. You get to work closely with a lot of great people."

Chapel Hours

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Catholic Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

**Confession services
before Mass**

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" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon, Friday for the next issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to daileyb@barstow.usmc.mil.

March of Dimes WalkAmerica

Barstow's 24th annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica starts at K-mart, 510 E. Virginia Way, April 29 at 8 a.m.

This year's theme is "Don't think you're a hero?" Registration begins at 7 a.m. Walkers, strollers and runners may choose between one-and-a-half, three or nine-mile routes.

To volunteer to help local organizers or for more info about participating, forming teams, pledge sheets, etc., contact Nancy Nelson at 252-3149 or Donna Siegel at 242-9784.

MAD Dash 10K Run

The Marine Aviation Detachment at China Lake is hosting the 12th MAD Dash 10K run/5K walk at China Lake April 22. Prizes are awarded to the topper overall male and female finishers and the top three finishers in each category of the 10K run.

The entry fee is \$15 in advance and \$18 on race day. The fee includes a T-shirt.

For more info, call GySgt. Robert Corsey at (760) 939-8099 or call ITT at 577-6541.

Earth Wind & Fire

The 1970s supergroup Earth, Wind and Fire is scheduled to perform at the Robert A. Sessions Memorial Sportspark in Barstow on April 22 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. For tickets or info, call ITT at 577-6541.

Free youth health screening

The Barstow Masonic Temple, 221 Ave. J, is holding a free clinic May 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to screen children for possible care at the Shriner's Hospital.

Further exams and possible care will also be provided free of charge.

Some conditions looked for are: treatable orthopedic problems, residual burns, scoliosis, cerebral palsy, metabolic bone disease and arthritis.

Parents should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, shot card, guardianship papers and W2 or 1040 form. No appointment is necessary.

For more info, call 252-5800 between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

GSA Expo 2000

The General Services Administration has scheduled its International Products and Services Exposition for May 10 and 11 at the San Diego Convention Center.

The event's focus will be more than 80 hours of free training for government buyers. Featured products include the latest in information technology, furniture, appliances, tools and more.

To register or for more info, call 1-800-272-5565 or log on to <http://exp.gsa.gov> or e-mail topmustang@aol.com.

Vacation Club goes Internet

The Armed Forces Vacation Club is now online at <http://www.afvclub.com>.

This new axis for service offers another method for guests to file unused time-shares.

New ID Cards Unavailable

From tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. until Monday morning no ID cards will be processed at the ID section at MCLB or Fort Irwin due to weekend maintenance on the DEERS Database.

Drill Team Advisors Needed

Adult advisors are needed for the

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to be a tailor.

Positive Force Precision Drill Team. The youth drill team performs fancy and regulation military style drills.

The team meets Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 256-0030 for more information or visit <http://www.positiveforce.org>

Shuttles soon running to Medical Clinic

There will be shuttles running to and from the Branch Medical Clinic at Yermo beginning Monday.

The times for pick-up will be 6:50 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at a location between the Commissary and the Credit Union. Return transportation will be by group pick up. Children ages 4 and up or 70 lbs. or over are eligible to ride. Younger children must be in a portable car seat. Military/Civilian Employee Sickcall transportation will be available

in the morning and afternoon. Mornings from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and in the afternoon from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Return transportation will be by groups.

Call 577-7722 for more information.

Best Ball Golf Tournament

The Marine Corps Ball Committee is sponsoring a Best Ball Golf Tournament on April 28. The team-effort tournament will consist of teams of four. The entry fee is \$15.00 per person and will include a hamburger and soda. The committee encourages both Marines and civilians to come out and support the event.

Elks Golf Tournament

An open golf tourney, benefiting local youth activities and charities, kicks off May 6th.

Five person teams will battle it out for the "Best Ball Scramble."

The names of the winning team will be inscribed on the perpetual plaque to be displayed at the Barstow

Elks Club.

To enter, it's \$40.00 a person plus green and cart fees. Free lunches for those participating will be served at the lodge. Extra lunches will be \$6.00 each. There will also be door prizes. For more information call 254-2304 or 252-2803.

Child Abuse Prevention Videos

From now until Tuesday, the Base Library will be showing four educational videos in support of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The videos, donated by the Family Advocacy Program, tell the story of three types of abuse and solutions to abusive situations. Call 577-6533 for more information.

Bench press competition

Semper Fit has set up a new gym in Bldg. 573 on the Yermo Annex.

Semper Fit is scheduled to hold a bench press competition there 8:30 a.m. today. Prizes will be given in the under 200 pound, over 200 pound and personal best categories.

Job Watch

Annc.#	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
OTR-041-00	Computer Specialist GS-0334-09 (Temp NTE 1 year)	03-23-00	04-20-00	04-07-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-148-00	Environmental Protection Specialist GS-0028-11	03-24-00	04-21-00	04-07-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-153-00	Artillery Repairer WG-6605-07 (Term NTE 1 year)	03-27-00	04-25-00	04-10-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-170-00	Security Guard GS-0085-03 (Term NTE 366 Days)	04-11-00	05-09-00	04-25-00	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.donhr.navy.mil>.

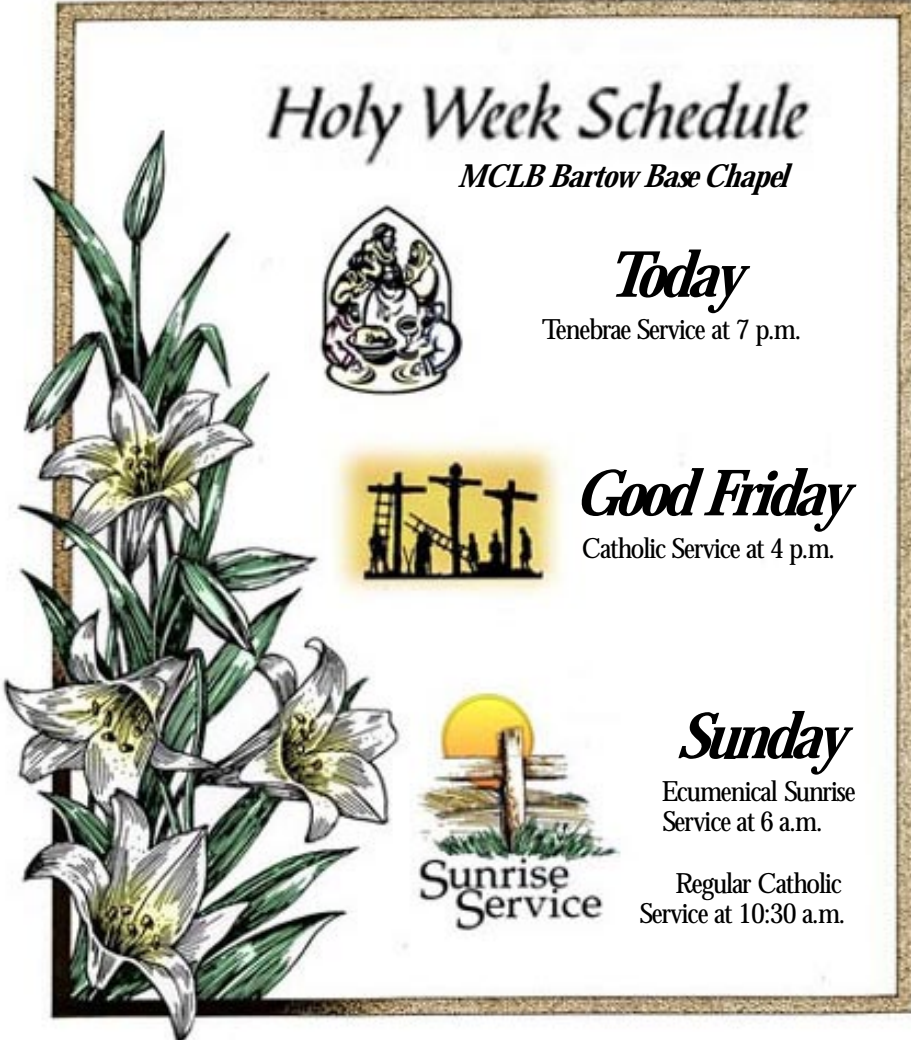


Final drawing winners

Congratulations to Glenn Wyatt of Fleet Service Support Center, the winner of this year's grand prize from the Camp Pendleton drawing ... a candy apple-red, 2000Ford Mustang GT!

Other winners in the Navy /Marine Corps Relief Society fund-raiser were:

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| SSgt. James Daly | Vtech 900MHz Phone/awnsring machine |
| MSgt. Joseph Hood | DiscoveryS700 35 mm camera |
| Annette Mesa | USMC Standing clock |
| Buster Sena | \$100 Gift certificate |
| Tom Schwahm | Magna 21 speed mountain bike |
| Pat Mallory | Fisher wall mountable stereo |
| Lisa Green | JVC 32 inch TV |



Holy Week Schedule
MCLB Bartow Base Chapel

Today
Tenebrae Service at 7 p.m.

Good Friday
Catholic Service at 4 p.m.

Sunday
Ecumenical Sunrise Service at 6 a.m.
Regular Catholic Service at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt – Friday, 8 a.m., at the playground on the end of Cape Gloucester for all base Military Families. Groups will be divided by age – 1-4; 5-9; 10-13. If you have any questions please contact Sgt. Melvin Miller or Cpl. Gary Smith at the Crime Prevention/Physical Security Office at 577-6409 or 577-6514

Earth Day celebrates 30 years

By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Recycling events, awareness festivals, base cleanups and other activities are slated throughout the military to mark the 30th anniversary of Earth Day April 22.

“DoD, like the rest of America, has gained great awareness and respect for the environment in the last 30 years,” said Sherri Goodman, deputy undersecretary of defense for environmental security. “The department can be quite proud that as the largest industrial organization in the world, it recognizes the value and importance of environmental stewardship and is doing its share to make this a better place for all Americans,” she said.

“I’m very proud that the men and women in our military have really made a great contribution to our environmental stewardship,” she remarked during an interview with American Forces Information Service here April 12. “By every measure of environmental performance, we in the Department of Defense are doing a good job, and we want to keep up that good work.”

Since 1993, Goodman reported, DoD has reduced hazardous waste by 50 percent, toxic chemical releases by 65 percent and pesticide use by 32 percent. The department has completed cleanup at 60 percent of the department’s active installations and formerly used defense sites. DoD also has reduced new notices of violations by 77 percent and increased solid waste recycling by 50 percent.

Goodman said she hopes DoD will continue to perform its military mission and meet readiness requirements, “and at the same time, be good stew-

ards of the land, air and water that are a vital part of our nation and part of the reason we have a military to protect us.”

Whether they’re stationed at home or overseas, service members can help protect the environment every day, Goodman noted.

“Every day is Earth Day,” she said. She urged service members to participate in environmental events whenever there’s an opportunity. America’s service members can also serve as valuable role models and share their expertise with people in other countries, she said.

“We’ve had the benefit of environmental awareness for 30 years since the first Earth Day,” she said. “Many other countries are only in the last decade becoming aware of the serious environmental challenges that they face.”

Along with Earth Day events being held at military installations, DoD has planned two ceremonies in the nation’s capital. First, DoD officials will announce the winners of the annual Environmental Security Awards at the Pentagon April 26. The second event is the cornerstone of this year’s Earth Day celebration.

On May 1, DoD is slated to open the first federal fuel station to provide alternative fuel. Located at the Navy Exchange, the “Quarters K” station next to the Pentagon will offer compressed natural gas known as “CNG,” and “E-85,” a blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline.

“It will be one of the first fueling stations of its type in this area and it will service all federal vehicles,” Goodman said. “So this is our contribution

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Career planner sets sail for civilian life



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

SSgt. Robert Munroe was honored at a flagpole ceremony marking 20 years of good and faithful service to country and Corps and his transition from active duty to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve. According to Colonel Mark A. Costa, base commander, Monroe was an exemplary Marine who undertook the arduous tasks of making Marines on the grinder and helping Marines continue on to successful careers in the FMF. He was a Marine of great character and one who led by example. His presence will be missed in the Corps, though a credit to society, according to Costa.

And the winner is...!

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The Defense Commissary Agency has commissaries at hundreds of locations around the globe serving our country's military community.

MCLB Barstow's commissary is one of the best in the agency and is constantly seeking customer input and community involvement to make it even better.

Recently the Commissary held a 100 word or less essay contest, in which customers were challenged to pen the reasons why the Commissary Benefit is important.

The writer of the best essay was rewarded with a 27 inch color TV.

Congratulations to the winner, Pat Richards.

Judy Mendez and the Commissary staff thank all participants and patrons for their entries and continued support.

The Commissary recently competed for title of Best Small Commissary in the Defense Commissary Agency and will soon find out if it will be the first recipient of the award for the new millennium.

The winning essay

By Pat Richards

My husband is disabled and cannot get around much. He has emphysema and is on oxygen.

He enjoys our shopping trips to the Barstow Commissary, and is able to shop thanks to your electric cart.

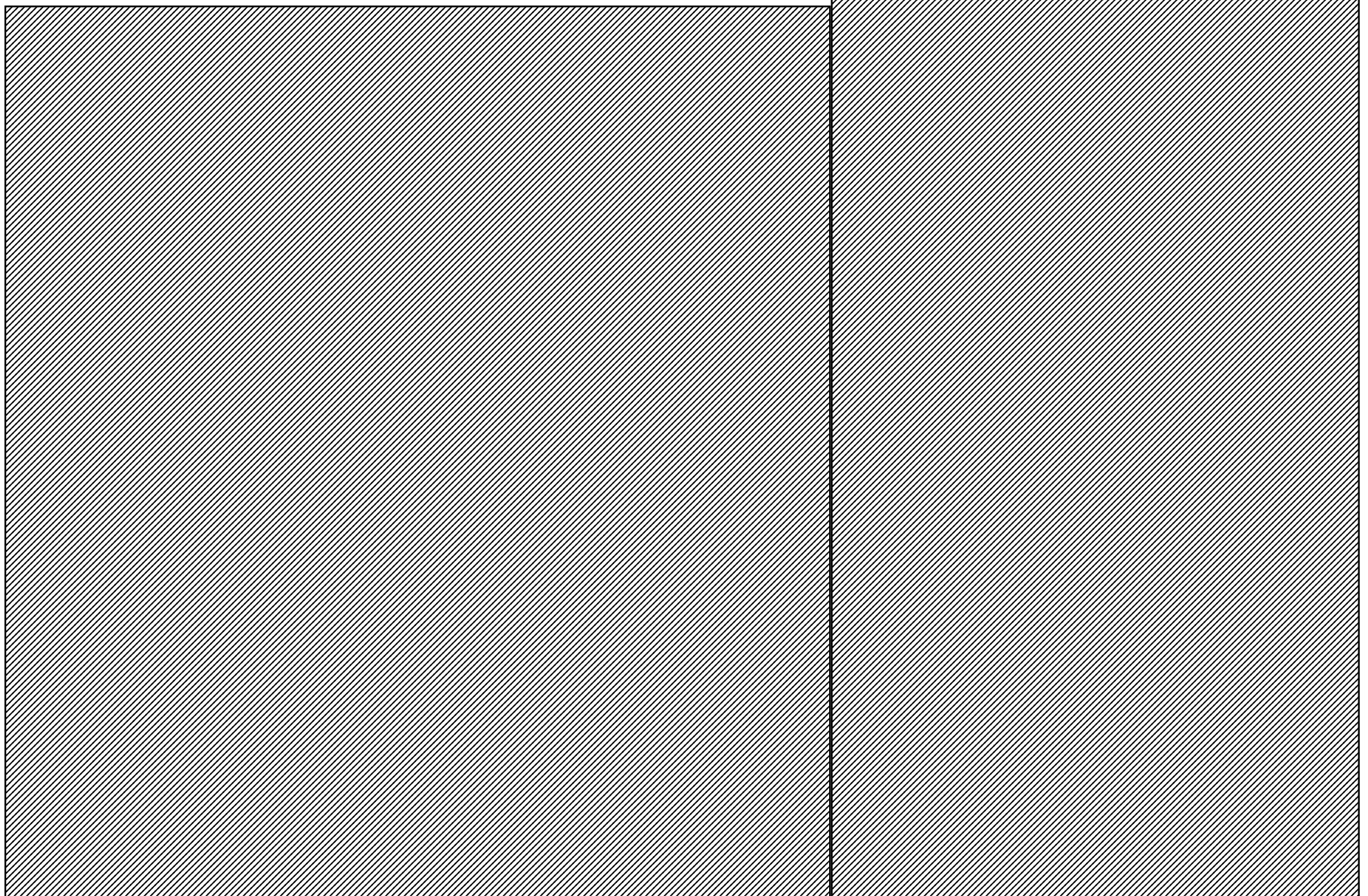
The Barstow Commissary meets all our needs.

The grocery department is fully stocked, the produce is fresh and the meat department is full service. We have even had special items ordered for us.

Our primary goal has always been the savings, and we appreciate the price reductions and coupons, however, most appreciated is the excellent service and professionalism.

The employees and baggers always have a smile and are always willing to help.

Thank you all.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Maintenance Center Barstow

Off-site conference held

By Capt Todd M. Jenkins
Materiel Command

ALBANY, Ga. – Personnel from Marine Corps Logistics Bases and Marine Corps System Command met here March 21-23 to establish teams for managing weapons systems and supply chains.

At the three-day off-site conference, members discussed the Program Management/Weapons System Management Integration and Supply Chain Management Integration Teams and documents to implement the teams.

As the conference opened, Cols. William F. Johnson, Life Cycle Management at MARCORLOGBASES, and Robert L. Williams Jr., MARCORSYSCOM, stressed the importance of having the off-site and the team building needed between the commands.

The first day was oriented toward educating the participants about Whole System Architecture – the process used by Marine Corps Systems Command to analyze and ultimately implement their Strategic Plan; Marine Corps Systems Command's Strategic Planning efforts to date; strategic initiatives relating to the PM/WSM and SCM Integration efforts; and Integrated Program Teams/Teaming and Team Dynamics. The train-

ing provided the common framework needed to conduct process analysis.

On the second and third days, three documents were produced for the Commanders of Marine Corps Materiel Command, MARCORSYSCOM, MARCORLOGBASES to sign. A Memorandum of Agreement group crafted the MOA establishing the interim operating concept by standing up two Integrated Product Teams and allocating resources between MARCORSYSCOM and MARCORLOGBASES.

The PMC/WSM Integration and SCM Integration teams developed charters for their respective teams with the mission, membership required, performance goals, business relationships and high-level schedules.

At the conclusion of the conference, Johnson and Williams congratulated the three groups on the completion of their charters and the MOA.

The participants accomplished a significant amount in the compressed time frame and laid the foundation for determining the way the two commands will interact in a MatCom environment.

Williams' final comment to the participants was a challenge for them "... to make these efforts happen."

Welcome to new Senior Production Supervisor

By Leonard Hilton
Support Business Center

Support Business Center has been sporting a new Senior Production Supervisor for the past few months.

His name is Greg Johnson. He brings to the Support Business Center a wealth of knowledge and experience in dealing with production efforts and personnel, which have been gained through a broad administrative spectrum and an illustrious Army career.

Before Greg came on board with our business center, he was an intricate part of the Heavy Mobile Equipment Business Center as the Work Leader for Product Team (PT) 713.

As they say, "if you can make it there, you can make it anywhere". While in PT 713, he contributed to their many successes.

Fostering team cohesion, cross training shop personnel, initiating LAV computerized status re-

ports, maximizing production, and cutting cycle time by twenty percent were but a few of his initiatives.

Greg's Army career exposed him to such challenges as being the Field First Sergeant for a 240-man Forward Support Company 1st Armored Division in Germany and numerous Logistics positions at the National Training Center, Ft. Irwin, Calif.

Greg ultimately turned everyone of these challenges into a managerial achievement.

With his Product Team 713 experience and extensive Army career - which includes serving in Desert Shield and Desert Storm - to buoy him.

Greg is well prepared for the Support Business Center and the many challenges that lay ahead and we are fortunate to have him on our team.

Welcome Greg Johnson to the Support Business Center.

To: Maintenance Center Barstow: Janice Maples, Jack Kulju, Robert Ripley

Just a quick note to say thank you to everyone for your help getting equipment while I was in Barstow. I appreciate it and can only wish everyone was so helpful getting things accomplished even when we in the FMF make life difficult for you.

R/S, CWO3 Clifford M. Shoemaker, MCBH Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii

CO Awards

The CO Award Ceremony was held on Tuesday, Mar. 28 in the Director's Workshop. The following awards were given out.

Federal 40-Years Length of Service

Frank Aleman Jr.	CWC 745
Rubin Bryant	CWC 711
Thomas Graul	CWC 732
Frank Kojder	CWC 686
Robert Pettit	CWC 730
Telfinues Preszler	CWC 734
Horace Reaves	CWC 721

Federal 35-Years Length of Service

Filomeno A. Batol	CWC 605
Robert W. Dubois	CWC 741
Cecil L. Heath	CWC 729
Leon F. Shute	CWC 745

Federal 30-Years Length of Service

John W. Alley Jr.	CWC 605
George Benavidez	CWC 608
Bruce L. Jones	CWC 616
Thomas E. Lingren	CWC 713
Lupe Marquez	CWC 713
Jeffery D. Smith	CWC 607

Your health, your safety. It's your responsibility!

By Annie Minter
Environmental/Safety Office

If that's the case then what does the Safety Office do? Let me start by saying that I can't begin to count the number of times I've been asked that very question since I started my tour here at the Maintenance Center. It's an important question and let me answer it by stating that the Safety Office isn't responsible for safety. WHAT?!!!! That's right! Safety is a responsibility shared by all of us.

The principal role of the Safety Office is to assist others in fulfilling their responsibilities of helping to ensure we all have a safe and healthful work environment. This may be in the form of gathering and disseminating information on potential work related hazards (we do a lot of that), evaluating work environments and assessing risks, (we've also done a lot of that over the years), and recommending ways to improve safety in the workplace. This still leaves the ultimate responsibility for action with others, not the safety office. Want to take a guess who the others are?

Oh let's see now, could those other be the Director, Business Center Managers, supervisors, and oh yes, every employee in this facility? Absolutely! How are the above responsible for safety? Well, it may be ensuring safety guidance and regu-

lations are adhered to, or it may be in the form of submitting a work request and following up on it until it is completed (even if it means elevating it through your chain of command). Ordering and maintaining appropriate levels of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is another, or it could just be looking out for each other and making sure that ear protection or eye protection is worn when required. It may be keeping your area picked up (clean) so you or your comrades don't trip, slip or fall over or/on an object. I could go on, but I know you get the message.

Back to my original task, the safety office is responsible for implementation and oversight of health and safety programs. Again, all health and safety programs are dependent on the involvement of a lot of people. Personnel outside of the safety office like medical, the Industrial Hygienist, Facility Maintenance, and the Calibration Lab to name a few but first and foremost they depend on YOU. Your health, your safety, your responsibility!

We are all adults here with roles and responsibilities, your health and safety is as much your responsibility as your employer, supervisor or the safety office. Take a stand for safety, no task is so important and no order so urgent that we cannot take-time to perform it safely.

SAFETY

SAFETY COMES FROM MAN'S MASTERY OF HIS ENVIRONMENT AND OF HIMSELF. IT IS WON BY INDIVIDUAL EFFORT AND GROUP COOPERATION. IT CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY INFORMED, ALERT, SKILLFUL PEOPLE WHO RESPECT THEMSELVES AND HAVE A REGARD FOR THE WELFARE OF OTHERS. NO WORK HAS PRIORITY OVER SAFETY.

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Admin Marine takes Marine of Quarter

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan

BARSTOW LOG staff

Marines begin their odyssey through the Corps without an identity, as recruits atop a set of yellow footprints. As they stand among fellow fledgling prospects, the recruits must conceal their past identities and future aspirations and can only wait for the chance to one day stand above their peers.

LCpl. Nicole Verene, administrative clerk for the Headquarters Battalion S-1 shop, shortened her path to greatness by earning the honor of the newest Marine of the Quarter.

Verene was born June 22, 1976 in Rockville Centre, N.Y. Raised in a Baptist family of black, Italian, British and Cherokee descent, she boasts her exposure to many cultures.

"I never had to deal with stereotypes," said Verene. "My family accepted everybody. We used to call my mom's family the United Nations."

Verene attended Catholic schools in her early years, graduating from Holy Trinity High School in Hicksville, N.Y. Using education as a stepping stone, she enrolled at Temple University in Philadelphia.

"I grew up without thinking about things that went on away from home," said Verene. "Being in college helped me realize that."

Extracurricular activity at college was a priority, Verene said. She played Division I lacrosse for a year, before quitting to become Vice President of Academic Affairs.

"My friends would call my office before they called me at home," said Verene.

She proceeded to become elected Vice President of student body, earning a tuition stipend.

"There's money involved, so they expect at least 20 hours a week of your time, plus you have classes and studying to do," she said.

In her senior year at Temple, Verene had crossed many streams. She lived independently and was en route to a highly marketable linguistics degree.

But there was the Internet, and a previously unexplored website, www.Marines.com.

"In my family, you never thought of doing anything else," said Verene. "You went to college. That was it."

Having fulfilled the family obligation, Verene met with the local recruiter.

"He didn't give me the pitch," said Verene. "I knew exactly what I wanted."

Verene set her sights back-to-back moments in her life – college graduation and basic training.

"I really didn't get to celebrate after graduation," she said. "I had three weeks to move out of my apartment and get ready for boot camp."

Verene arrived at MCRD Parris Island, S.C. on June 1, 1999. She had relinquished all independence for a chance to earn the title of Marine.

"I had trouble adapting," said Verene. "The drill instructors gave me 'you know what' because I was on my own program. Still, boot camp was relaxing. Before then, 24 hours was never enough time to get everything done."

Verene credits her initial months in the Marines for changing her outlook.

"We had a hump right after I got to Barstow," recalls Verene. "If I didn't have that discipline from boot camp, I would have gone UA. I never would have put up with it. I'm a different person as a Marine."

Verene claims to have had more trying times adapting to life in Barstow.

"Thursday and Friday used to be girls' night out," she said. "I was depressed when I first got here. Everything I was used to having in New York and in Philly was gone."

Verene has since learned to counteract her frustration. She is currently taking an Oceanography course at Barstow Community College.

"I'm still trying to find my niche in Barstow," she said. "I can take classes and not have to worry about transferring credits or anything. It keeps me busy doing something productive."



Verene's hard work earned her a nomination for the Marine of the Quarter board. "At Camp Johnson, they taught us to go up for every board we could, even if you don't win," said Verene.

Verene buried her nose in old study sheets from recruit training, at the same time preparing for her Oceanography mid-term. Still, she felt that nothing on paper could prepare her for being in the spotlight.

"To be honest, I don't know if I could go through with it again," she grinned. "I was so nervous that day."

Verene's future aspirations take her through the next three-plus years of active duty and her career afterward.

"Part of me still wants to go to Okinawa," said Verene. "I don't really know what's out there, so I can't say for sure."

Verene seeks to continue her education and earn a masters and a possible law degree. She plans to use her education to teach the deaf.

"I'm never satisfied with just one thing," said Verene. "Nothing's changed about my goals, though. I still want to experience everything I possibly can."

A piece of history put to rest

By Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

BARSTOW LOG staff

MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE BARSTOW, Calif. – The Installation and Logistics Department is preparing to get rid of one of the hardest workers employed here.

Installation and Logistics is going to sell one of their last two 44-ton locomotive engines through the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office.

The dismissal of the 44-ton engine is not a sign of the end of the Barstow Railhead.

"The only way they would close the railhead here, was if they closed the (National Training Center at Fort Irwin)," said Lanny Morris, who has been a locomotive engineer since 1988.

Maintaining locomotives for moving cars and cargo on base saves the Marine Corps from having to pay local rail companies such as Burlington Northern Santa Fe to come on base to supply their engines and engineers.

According to Don Crownover, auto and rail maintenance supervisor, I&L, the railhead at Yermo is the largest in the Department of De-

fense, moving around 4,000 cars per year.

"The 44-ton engines just aren't enough to haul heavy loads anymore," he said.

The 44-ton engines can only pull about 10 M1A1 Abrams tanks.

"When we get a new engine, we get rid of an old one," said Crownover. "We always try to keep about five engines (on base)."

Right now the Marine Corps owns two 44-ton, and one 100-ton engine. The Army owns two 120-ton engines.

Locomotive engines were first employed here in the 1940s when the base was still young.

The engines being used today are circa 1952. "Not bad for something so old," said Crownover. "They are still up and running."

No one knows exactly where the engine being sold will end up. Crownover guessed it might become part of a new railhead being built in Southern California or possibly to a museum as two engines before it did.

Wherever the engine ends up, it did a great service to this country and worked hard serving MCLB Barstow.



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

The Marine Corps plans to sell one of its 44-ton locomotive engines, like the yellow one above, through the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office.

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to cleaner fuels, to promote a better planet and cleaner environment."

The two alternative fuels significantly reduce air emissions and pollution as compared to gasoline, she noted. "These fuels are now more widely available, and by making them available at this fueling station, we'll be able to use more vehicles that run on compressed natural gas and on ethanol."

The Energy Policy Act of 1992 and a separate executive order require federal agencies to acquire alternative fuel vehicles to help reduce the nation's dependence on foreign sources of petroleum and reduce air emissions, Goodman said.

"In the last year, DoD acquired almost 3,000 alternative-fueled vehicles," she said. "Today, we have about 10,000 alternative-fuel vehicles DoD wide."

A lack of refueling infrastructure has been a major obstacle to meeting federal goals, DoD officials said. E-85, for example, has not been available in the Washington D.C. area for several years.

Federal agencies are encouraged to use commercial refueling stations to the extent practicable. Where commercial stations are unavailable, federal officials try to partner with commercial providers and other federal agencies to make alternative fuel available.

In this case, DoD officials worked with the Marine Corps, Washington Headquarters Services, the Washington Gas Company, and the Navy Exchange Service to provide the CNG. On the ethanol side, the Department of Energy, the National Corn Growers Association and the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board provided resources.

Choosing new careers: Self-assessment

By GySgt. Michael Claudio
MCCS Financial Counselor

As you think about a career path you may want to follow, you first need to take a good look at yourself.

What is really important to you?

Does service (helping others), money, job security, status, or personal achievement mean the most to you?

How do you want to balance work and family?

Think about whether or not you want to move to a new area.

Next, determine what kind of personality you have.

Do you like being with people or would you rather work alone? Are you methodical or impulsive? Do you like freedom or structure?

Finally, identify your skills. Is

there something you are good at but don't want to do? Are there new skills you are interested in learning?

Are you good at something you want to continue to do? Identify all the skills you've developed through past jobs, volunteer work, hobbies, school, and social situations.

Next, write this all down and be specific.

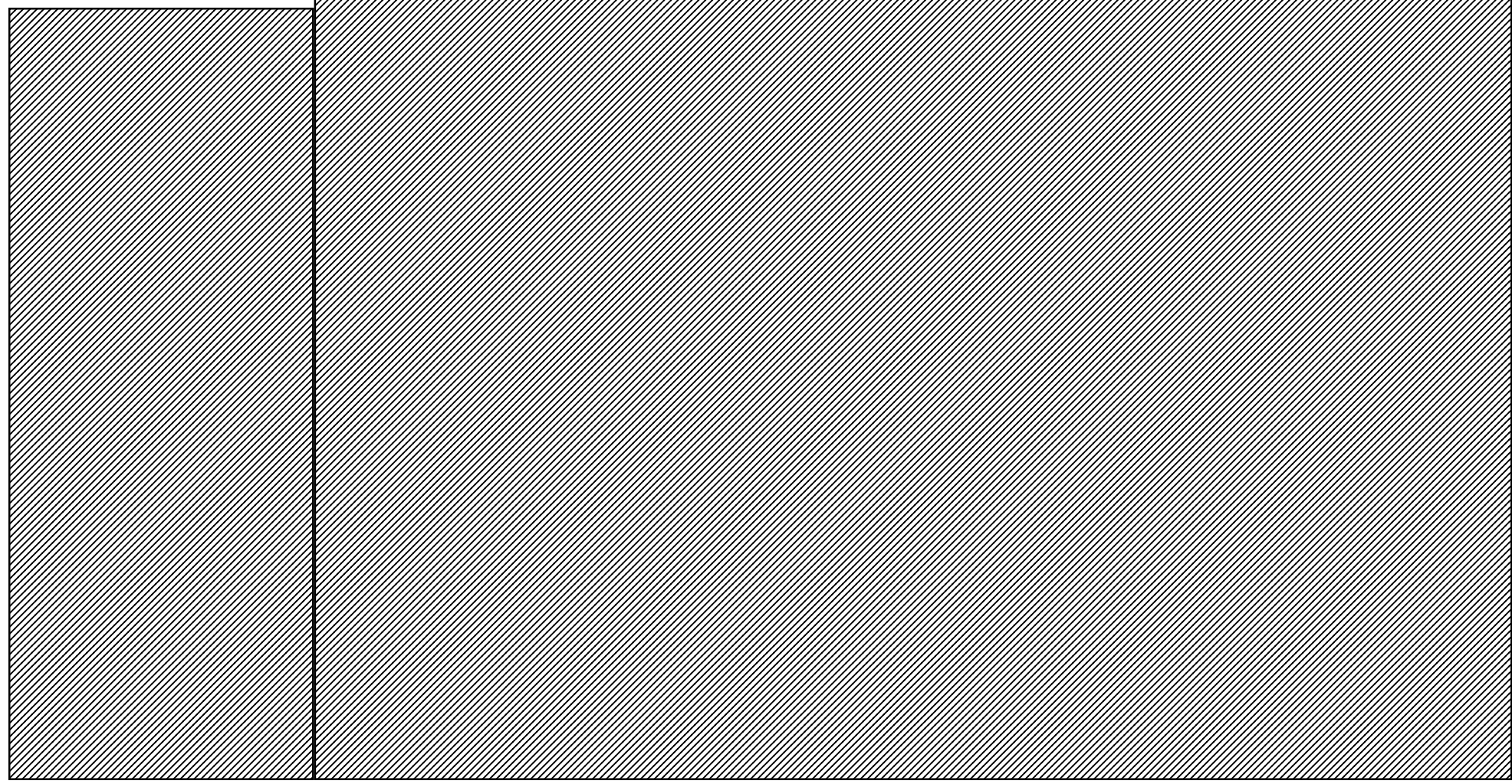
Prioritize what is most important to you in a job. Assessing each of these areas is the first step in deciding what career path will be the best for

you.

For more information, contact the Career Resource Management Center (CRMC) at (760) 577-6533.

The CRMC personnel can provide you with the pamphlets, comprehensive assessment tests, and the personal career counseling you need to begin a successful new career.

If you would like more information about this or other topics, come by the Career Resource Management Center (CRMC) in building 129 or call (760) 577-6533.



SPORTS

Sports Briefs

All-Marine Rugby TRIALS

The All Marine Rugby Trial Camp is scheduled for Oct. 1-7 at MCB Camp Lejeune.

The Armed Forces Rugby Championship will be held Oct. 8-15 at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.

An Armed Forces Team will be selected to compete in the Invitational Territorial Tournament Nov. 25 through Dec. 3 in Tampa, Fla.

Marines will return to their duty station upon completion of the Armed Forces Championship.

Marines interested in competing must submit a resume no later than July 10. Resumes must include experience in the past two years.

Resumes must also contain command endorsement stating the Marine will be able to attend all events if selected.

Resumes must be sent through the MCCS Semper Fit Division. MARADMIN 153/00 applies.

For more information call CWO William Bradshaw at 577-6543.

Padres lose Appreciation Day game

By Cpl. Brian Davidson
BARSTOW LOG staff

Marines, Sailors, soldiers and airmen converged on Qualcomm Stadium Thursday afternoon to attend the San Diego Padres Military Appreciation Day game opener against the Arizona Diamondbacks.

MCLB Barstow's own Mounted Color Guard was on hand to present the Colors during the opening ceremony.

The Padres came to field prepared to do battle and wearing camouflage jerseys for the occasion. The first three innings, though action-packed, ended 0-0. However, the fourth inning brought the fans to their feet on more

than a few occasions.

Both teams came out with bats blazing Steve Finley drew first blood for the Diamondbacks driving a homer deep into right-center field and Greg Colbrunn into the home plate.

Phil Nevin was swift to reply for the Padres sending Eric Owens home easy with a home run, but another attack from the Diamondbacks brought the inning to a close, Padres 2, Arizona 3.

The sixth inning closed with the Padres at a two point deficit, 3-5.

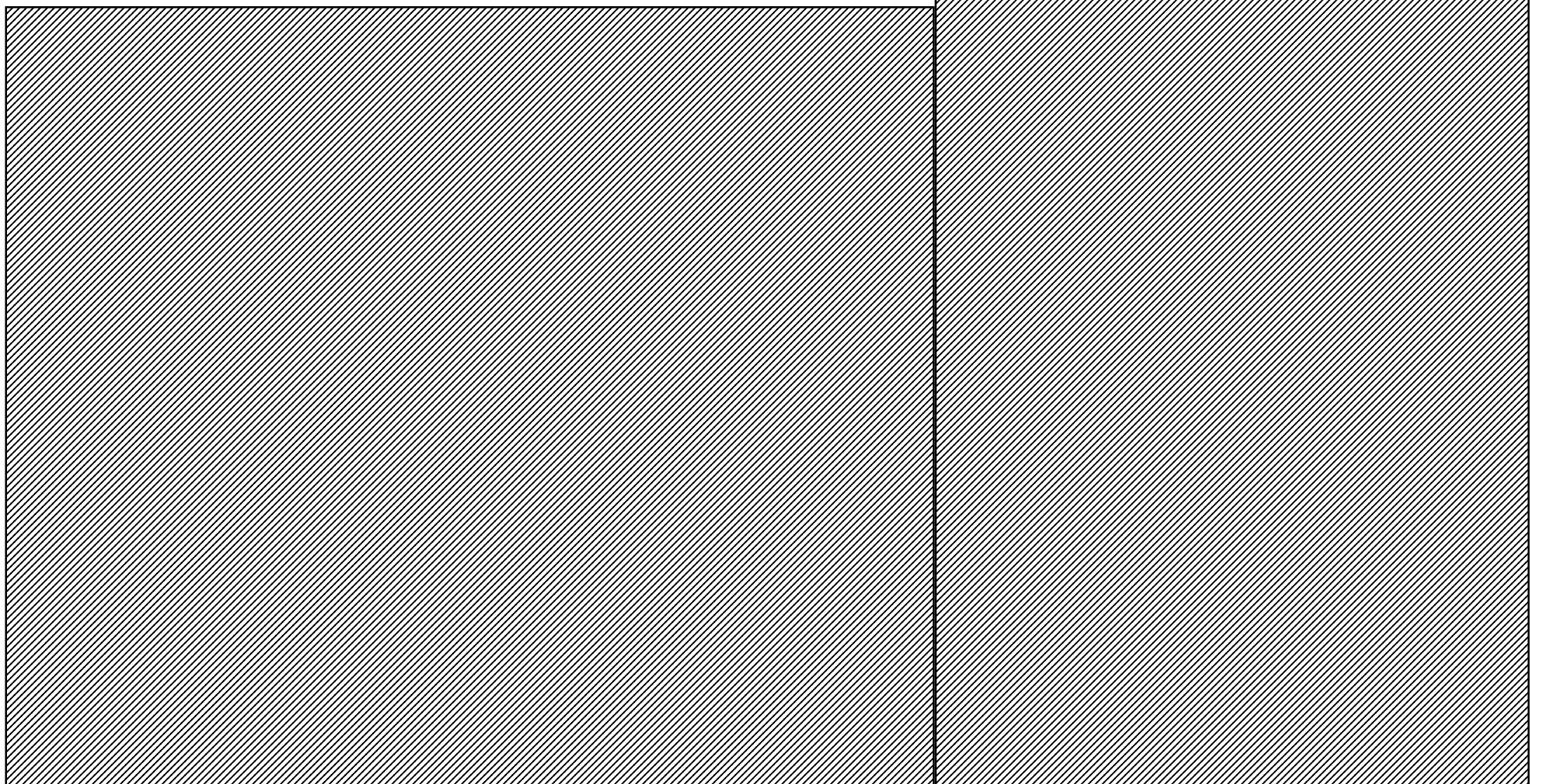
Damian Jackson scored a run on a hit from Owens for the Padres in the eighth, but the self-proclaimed team of the Navy and Marine Corps never recovered. The Diamondbacks won the game 5-4.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Padres pitcher Sterling Hitchcock turns the heat on early in the 4th inning, pitching at speeds averaging above 90 mph.

(Left) The Padres sport Marine Corps green jerseys to show their support for the armed forces in their Military Appreciation Day game.





By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Easter Sale at Exchange

Our Easter Sale begins tomorrow and will run through Monday, April 24. Look for savings like these: 10% off all designer stock of sunglasses, 10% off our entire stock of bicycles and 40% off our entire stock of figurines. Plus - look for Manager's Specials throughout the store for additional savings.

Shop at your Base Exchange and save. 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- Pork stir-fry and rice, roll/butter.

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

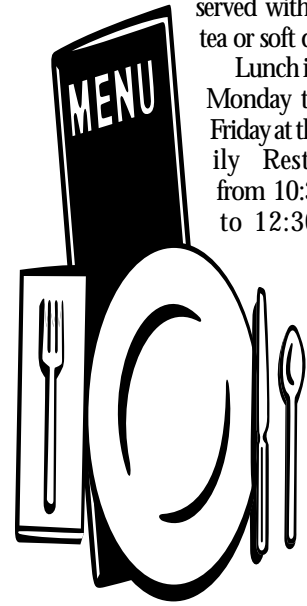
Monday- Soft taco, beans and rice.

Tuesday- Lasagna, roll/butter.

Wednesday - Beef stew and

noodles, roll/butter.

Thursday- Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, 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 - Southern Night - all you can eat!

Next week - Prime Rib Night - \$5.50 per ounce!

All you can eat dinners are for in-restaurant consumption, not for take out.

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.

Free tickets

For all single Marines and Sailors - Semper Fit has free tickets to the upcoming Earth, Wind and Fire concert on Saturday, April 22 at the Robert A. Sessions Memorial Sportspark in Barstow.

Tickets may be picked up between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at Bldg 44, Semper Fit office.

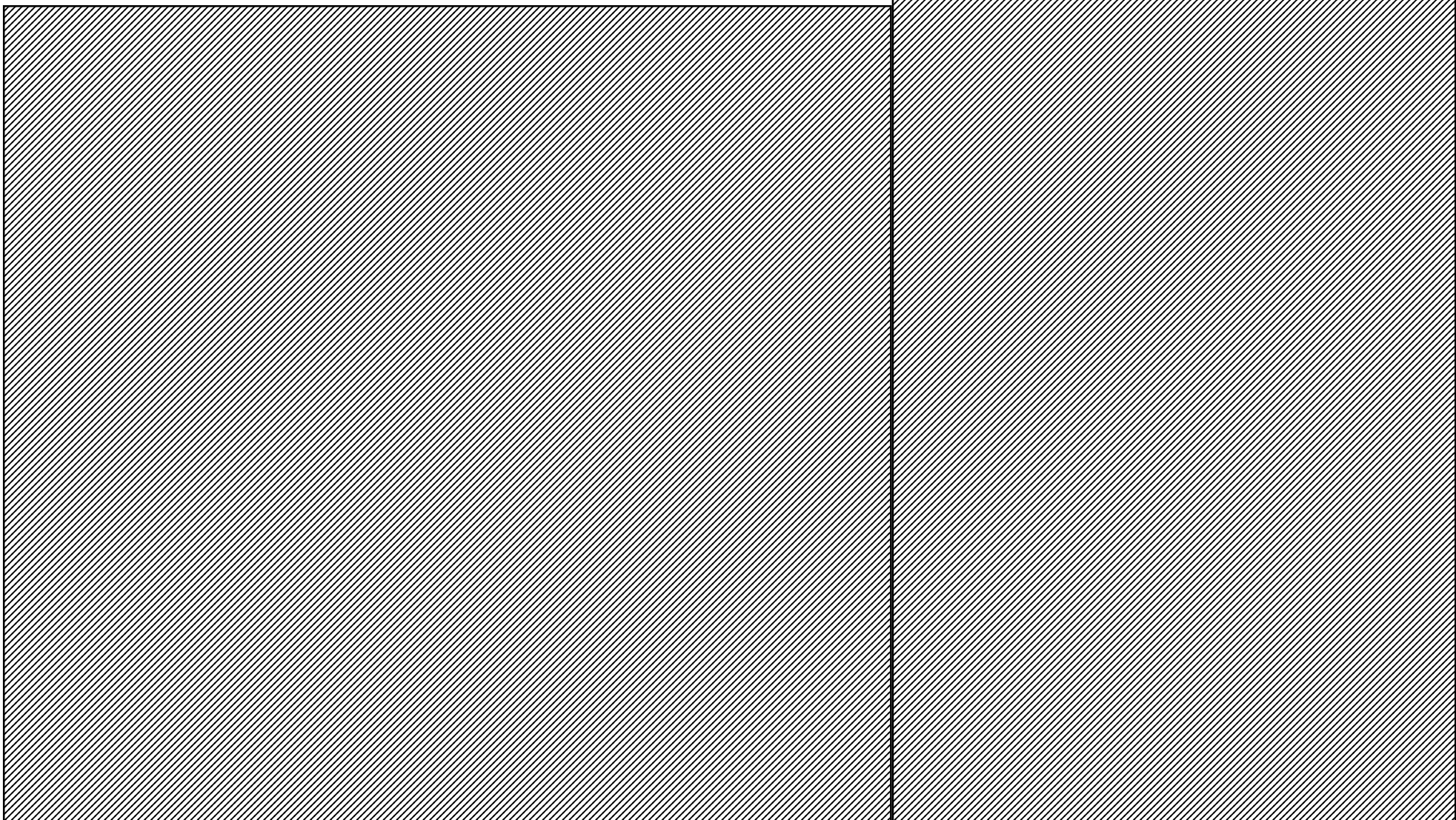
Barbecue grill fee

Beginning May 1 the MCCS propane barbecue grill usage fee will be \$10 for private use - it will still be free

for organized parties or any type of function involving the military.

Call Vickie McDougall at MCCS

Business Operations 577-6896 for more information or drop by at bldg 44 upstairs.



TRADER ADS: Please submit all Trader Ads to daileyb@barstow.usmc.mil by noon Friday.

1967 RAMBLER: 4 door, rebuilt engine, new interior and paint. \$2,500 OBO. Call 252-9155 or Lv msg.

1982 HONDA ACCORD: Runs great \$1,300 OBO. Call 240-0618 AWH.

1997 FORD RANGER: Pickup, low mileage, black, 2.3 liter 4 cyl. eng., w/4 speed manual trans. and overdrive, A/C, AM/FM cassette with CD player, sliding rear window, custom paint. Asking \$9,900 OBO. Call 252-3355 AWH and Lv msg.

1995 HONDA CIVIC LX: Grey, automatic, four door, tinted windows, spoiler, alloys, power package, cc, extras. \$7,500. Contact Pete or Yvette Colby at 252-3251.

FOR SALE: Camper shell, for 1991 full size ford, short bed, lined carpet, strawberry red color, \$250 OBO. Call 252-9155 or Lv msg.

FOR SALE: Scuba gear, Poseidon regular, Sherwood B.C. xlg, Sherwood console plus many extras, \$1,000. Takes all. Call 961-9160

FOR SALE: Wicker set 4 pieces, \$165 OBO; Futon \$165 OBO; Wood desk \$150 OBO; also misc. items, 21-22 April, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 550 Yucca Ave. Apt 4 (behind Vons).

FOR SALE : Used ceiling fan 52"/48", \$20; tricycle, \$20.; used evaporator cooler, \$45; three webbed lawn chairs, \$4 each; baby bath \$3. Call 256-8803.

FOR SALE: Glass top dining table with oak base and 4 chairs. \$75. Call 256-2038.

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.

WANTED: To purchase used summer clothes for infant girl, sizes 18 months – 2T, in good condition. Call 252-3355. AWH .

WANTED: Winch for car trailer Call 252-9199 Lv msg.

WANTED: 1965 to 1973 Dodge Dart car or parts, running or not.. Call 252-9199 Lv Msg.

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

WANTED: Running washing machine any shape, under \$100. Call 252-9199 Lv msg.

YARD SALE: 2010A Eniwetok, PCS sale, stop by and pick up your goodies. 7a.m. – 12 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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ward to the next six months they will spend at The Basic School. It is the officer's version of Marine Combat Training, focusing on the job of an infantry officer.

Both Brady and Colby admit their jump to the officer ranks has always been a goal for them. Now, Colby is

hoping to return to the MP field, and Brady is looking for a career as a Combat Arms Engineer and hopes for an overseas assignment.

Looking back they say they wouldn't stop anyone from going for it.

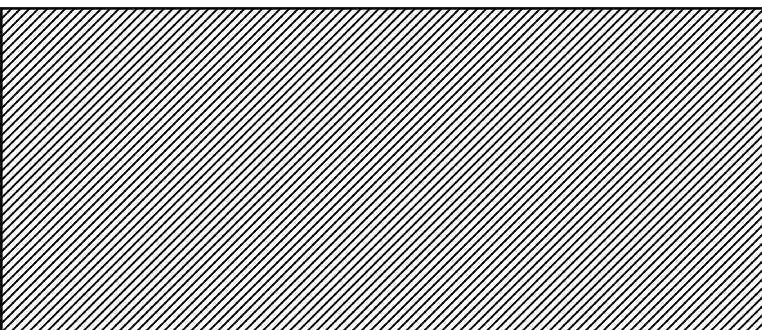
They both stressed physical training for anyone looking to become an officer. Brady said it best, "Run, Run,

Run, Run, Run... you can't run enough to get ready for it!"

Colby sends his blessings to any enlisted Marine who wants to put in a package for OCS.

"What's the worst they can do," he said, "if they decline your package, just put in another one."

"The Marine Corps loves persistence," he said.



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I imagine He will let me know when He thinks I should know. Until then, I will live each day the best I can for His purposes. I have many things to accomplish. I honestly don't have time to be fretting over death. I'm thankful that Easter took care of that.

I see the bumper stickers and window decals that say, "No Fear." I would contend that God coined that phrase. In 2 Timothy 1:7, the apostle Paul penned, "*For God has not given us a spirit of fear but a spirit of power, of love and of a sound mind.*" Have a blessed Easter.

Blessings, Chaplain Michener

SecNav extends eligibility for the

Combat Action Ribbon



From MARADMIN 168/00

The Secretary of the Navy has changed the retroactive date for the Combat Action Ribbon from March 1, 1961, to December 7, 1941, to accommodate Marines who served in World War Two.

The criteria for the Combat Action Ribbon remains the same. The individual must have been in a bona fide ground or surface firefight. Deployment to a combat zone in and of itself does not entitle a Marine to a Combat Action Ribbon. The service record book will determine eligibility.

To request entitlement, submit a SF 180 request (request pertaining to military records) or a letter of request to:

Naval Personnel Records Center
Naval Corres: USMC-CAR
9700 Page Street
St. Louis, MO 63132-5295

Requests must contain full name, SSN and service number. Surviving next of kin petitioning on behalf of a deceased Marine must provide a copy of the Marine's death certificate.

Petitioners should expect to wait approximately six months after making a request before getting a reply.

