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MCLB teen returns from summit in Virginia

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan
BARSTOW LOG staff

Headquarters Marine Corps held a conference to discuss certain quality-of-life issues last week, relying on the expertise of 15 and 16 year-old panel members.

Teenage family members from installations throughout the Marine Corps gathered at Xerox University in Leesburg, Va., to speak at the 2000 Marine Corps Teen Summit.

Carlos Saucedo, a 16-year-old sophomore at Barstow High School and military family member, represented Barstow at the conference with personal ambition and a wealth of ideas.

"We had three or four boards of issues we wanted to discuss," said

Saucedo. "We spent the first two days just narrowing it down."

Once the forum topics were established, it was the teens' job to convince a panel that their dilemmas deserved national attention.

Saucedo addressed youth center hours as an important topic.

"Everything closes at six o'clock. Once the youth center closes, we have nothing to do," said Saucedo.

He explained that the problem had to be addressed at the national conference, since funding to keep the center open later would have to come from Headquarters Marine Corps.

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Photo by Margaret Young

Carlos Saucedo (top, third from left) represents MCLB at the national summit.

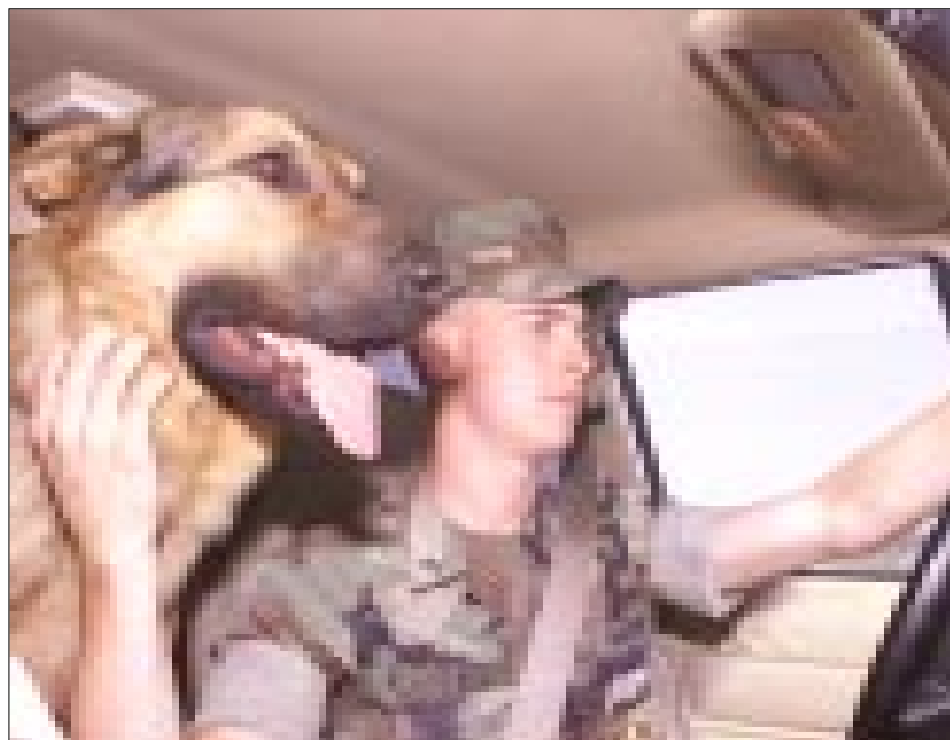


Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

LCpl. Herbie Flatt patrols MCLB's streets with his partner, Bak.

Living a working dog's life ...

By Cpl. Matthew R. Weir
BARSTOW LOG staff

Military working dogs are just another check mark on the inventory list in Marine Corps supply, but to the Marine dog handlers the dogs are loyal partners.

Marines and their dogs share a bond because they work together everyday and rely on each other at all times.

"The dogs are protective of us," said LCpl.

Edward Vaughn, dog handler, Military Police Canine Section. "Even everyday house dogs are protective, but our dogs are trained to defend us against attackers."

Because the dogs take care of the officers while on duty, the Barstow dog handlers return the favor by taking them to the Fort Irwin veterinarian for regular visits.

After a routine checkup May 5, Army Capt.

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Multicultural Heritage Celebration Day Wednesday

By Cpl. Matthew R. Weir
BARSTOW LOG staff

The first Multicultural Heritage Day will be held Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the vicinity of the Base Fitness Center. Wherever possible, Col. Mark A. Costa, base commander, has authorized up to an hour of administrative leave so everyone possible can attend the event.

"I believe recognizing the diversity in our work force, our community and our nation is essential to maximizing our collective efforts," said Costa.

The event includes displays and a food court where attendees can taste a multitude of cultural dishes. According to GySgt. Russell Rayford, Marine Corps Community Services, the menu will include: German sausage, Swedish meatballs, shish kabobs, baklava, calamari, lumpia, egg rolls, rice cakes, stir fried vegetables, collard greens, chicken wings, corn bread, chicken enchiladas, beef taquitos, arroz con concules, tostones, lasagna and tortolini. For dessert the event will also feature dessert crepes, baklava, sweet potato pie and flan.

Entertainment scheduled for the event includes:

Barstow High School Jazz Band	10 a.m.
Native American Dancers	10:30 a.m.
Hinkley De Colores Dancers	11 a.m.
Polynesian Dancer/Chanter	11:30 a.m.
Mexican Guitar Duo	noon
Jazz and Swing Combo	12:30 p.m.
Mexican Dancing and Poetry	1 p.m.
Bell Ringer Square Dancers	1:30 p.m.



The CO/XO's Corner

The "CO/XO's Corner" is a tool the Base Commander and Executive Officer use to open the lines of communication from the command deck to all personnel and to disseminate essential information as rapidly as possible.

Multicultural Heritage Day

By Col. Mark A. Costa
Base Commander

Members of the Logistics Base Community,

In recent articles I discussed the need for renewing our trust in each other as well as the challenges we have in making decisions and living with the decisions of others. Key in both of those discussions was the need to get to know our leaders and coworkers

better. I have also reminded you of General Davis' guidance, "mission first, people always." Again, we are challenged to a greater understanding of who we are and who our fellow Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines are. Key to knowing who we are is knowing our history, our heritage. Where we come from is so much of what and who we are. Our Special Emphasis Program and celebrations of religious, racial and ethnic recognition periods

are a way of getting to know each other better. Next week we will celebrate our first Multicultural Heritage Day. This event offers an opportunity to simultaneously express through displays, entertainment and food the spectrum of cultures that make up our community and those of the high desert. Most of us are aware of the special emphasis programs that annually orchestrate the nationally acknowledged recognition months, but with our event next week, we will include not only those that we recognize annually, but all cultural heritage simultaneously.

I believe recognizing the diversity in our workforce, our community and our nation is essential to maximizing our collective efforts. Some may believe that recognizing diversity is divisive. I don't believe that is true. It is usually the unknown that we are skeptical of, fearful of and find easy to dislike. When differences are cast as being bad and fed by the lack of knowledge of why there are differences, negative results can and do happen. But when differences are recognized and understood as being a fact of life, understanding can follow. From this

understanding we can develop tolerance and acceptance. And through understanding we can better join our coworkers in collective efforts.

Our nation is built on a diverse population. We are strong because we allow the cultures of those who have come here to continue to flourish while developing elements of an American culture. America is strong because it recognizes the individual first and then collectively focuses our strengths to overcome our individual weaknesses.

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There are no accidents...

By Lt. Cmdr. Tom Cook
Command Chaplain, MCLB Albany

More than a hundred years ago a tornado struck the prairies of Minnesota, killing many, injuring hundreds and almost demolishing the town of Rochester.

An elderly doctor and his two sons worked for days aiding the stricken, bandaging wounds, and setting broken limbs. Their heroic work did not go unnoticed. Funds were raised for a large hospital and the doctor and his sons took charge.

Founded in 1889, the hospital soon attracted nation wide attention. For years from 15 to 20 operations were performed daily.

Today, people come from all walks of life to the now famous 'Mayo Brothers' Clinic.

When the tornado struck, people reacted, "God has forgotten us!" Yet blessing came out of disaster, and today the prairie city is known around the world and has brought blessing to uncounted millions. What seemed to be a time of anguish and travail resulted in unimaginable blessing and victory.

One spring day on an apple farm in Michigan, some men who had been pruning an orchard made a great pile of branches about 100 yards from the farmer's barn. One morning the farmer saw a bird carrying material to the pile for a nest. So he marked the spot of the nest. At sundown, with the bird flying about and chirping wildly, the man reached into the pile and tore the nest apart!

If the bird were thinking, she was saying to herself, "How cruel this man is!"

The next day the man saw the bird again trying to build at another place in the same pile. Again he marked it with a stick and at night he destroyed all the work that the bird had done. No doubt the bird's wild fluttering and chirping were bird language for "What are you doing? You are an evil man to destroy my nest!"

On the third day the farmer noticed that the bird was building in a rose bush near the house. He smiled and let the bird alone. For you see, the farmer had intended to burn the branch pile, and he knew if the bird were allowed to build among the branches, the nest and its little fledglings would have been destroyed. So in great kindness he had torn the two earlier nests apart.

These two stories tell us that sometimes we need to see things from a "big picture" perspective. So it is with the cross of Calvary, we see that there are no accidents!

As Jesus hung there, 'the just for the unjust' it looked as though there had been failure, that God had made a mistake. But on the third day after, when God raised him for our salvation," all believers knew that "the cross was for our good" and so the previous Friday was called "Good."

Out of that tragedy, Christ paid the eternal price demanded by God for our sins.

"The Lord laid on him the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53:6).

Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Chuck Caldron, an ordnance equipment mechanic at the Maintenance Center Barstow, uses his expertise to polish a differential for the MK14 Cargo Trailer. Originally from San Diego, Caldron moved to the High Desert in 1985 for an employment opportunity aboard MCLB Barstow.

Chapel Hours

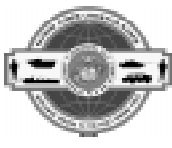
Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Catholic Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

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

"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.

Medical/Dental Clinic Shuttle Schedule

There are weekday shuttles running to and from the Branch Medical and Dental Clinics at Yermo.

Shuttle schedule:
6:50 a.m. -- McKinney Youth Center
7 a.m. -- HqBn.
12:30 p.m. -- McKinney Youth Center
12:40 p.m. -- HqBn.

Children ages 4 and up or 70 lbs. or over are eligible to ride. Younger children must be in a portable car seat.

Civilian Employee Sick call is available in the morning and afternoon. Mornings from 7 to 8 a.m. and in the afternoon from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Military Sick call is now also available in the afternoons from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Morning sick call for military personnel is from 7 to 8 a.m.

All return transportation from the clinics is by group pick-up.

Call 577-7722 for more information.

Retired Activities Info Center

The USMC Retired Activities Information Center is now online at <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/retirement/index.htm>.

The new website provides information on benefits and eligibility, organizations, etc.

The site also has a link to the "Semper Fidelis, Memorandum for Retired Marines" newsletter. For more info call 577-6533.

Law Enforcement Breakfast

The Barstow Military Law Enforcement Association hosts the annual Law Enforcement Week Breakfast May 19 from 7-8:15 p.m. at the Oasis Club. The guest speaker is scheduled to be Asst. Chief Michael Porrazzo, CHP Inland Division. Tickets for the buffet-style breakfast cost \$7.50. For tickets or info, call MSgt. David Wilkinson at 577-6858 or SSgt. James Daly at 577-6062.

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be held May 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Nebo Building 44, and from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Maintenance Center Building 598.

All departments are asked to submit a list of voluntary donors by May 12.

Contact your Department Administrative Officer for more info.

HAZMAT turn-in

The base is collecting household Hazardous Waste/Materials from housing residents.

Collection takes place the second Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Building 27, behind the recycling center near the railroad tracks.

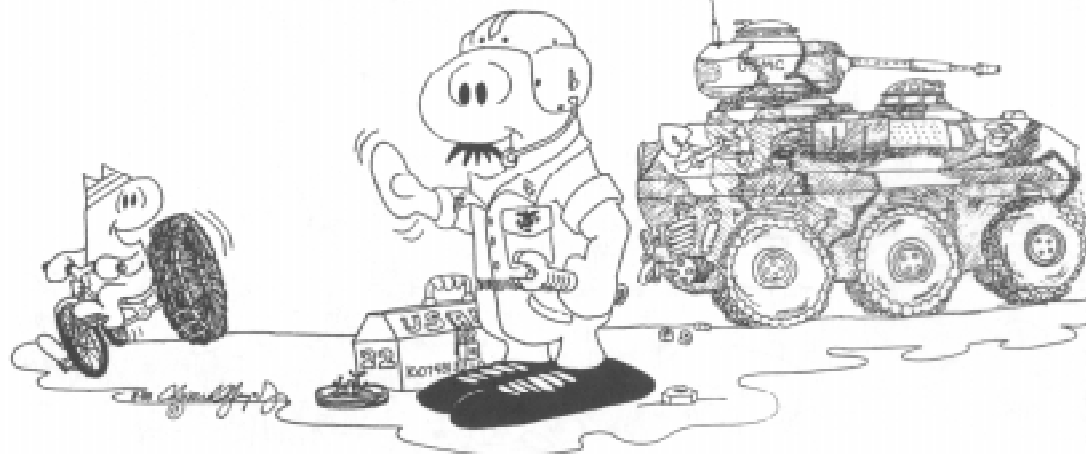
This is available to housing residents only. Proper ID will be required. For more info call 577-6387.

Free youth Health screening

The Barstow Masonic Temple at 221 Ave. J is holding a free clinic Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to screen

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to fix your kids tricycle tire.

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.

Women's Business Expo

The 2000 Woman and Business Expo is tomorrow at the Ontario Convention Center at 2000 Convention Center Way in Ontario, CA., from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A registration fee is required and

includes lunch, learning workshops, keynote speakers and networking.

Call (909) 484-9765 Ext. 25 for more info.

Ghost Town Festival

Calico Ghost Town is having its Spring Festival Saturday and Sunday. \$5000 in prizes will be given away over the two days.

Free flowers for Mom on Mother's Day, as well as entertainment by Ernie Sites, The Hat Band, Calico Mining Co. and many others.

Some of the featured activities will be a medicine man show, Master Illusionist Gregory and FM 98 & 99 Hop-a-Long Horse Race.

Call 1-800-TO-CALICO or log on to <http://www.calicotown.com> for more info.

Route 66 Fair

The Barstow Area Chamber of

Commerce is hosting their 2000 edition of the Route 66 Street Fair June 6 through August 29.

This year's events will take place on Main Street in Old Town Barstow between Barstow Rd. and Second Ave. every Tuesday from 6 to 10 p.m.

Themes for this summer's festivities include: Youth Night, 50's Night, Community Night, Country Night, and Health and Fitness Night.

For more info call 255-4041.

Commissary Notice

The Commissary will open as usual Tuesday morning except for the deli because new meat cases will be installed.

The new deli cases are scheduled to be ready for business by noon.

The Commissary regrets any inconvenience.

For more info call the Commissary office 577-6438

Where do your children stay when you're working?

By LCpl. Cory Kelly

BARSTOW LOG staff

"There is a need for more Family Child Care providers," Grace R. Walls, family child care training and curriculum director at the Child Development Center said, "there is definitely a need!"

"It really is a great thing to do ... you get to set your own hours, set your own rates, you get to stay home and get rewarded for it," she said.

"Right now our infant room is full, our (pre-kindergarten) class is full ... and we're nearly full in our one-year old classroom.

"(The CDC is) only open for so many hours, I mean we're open for a lot of hours - about 60 hours a week.

"However, a lot of people go to work in the afternoon, or evening doing the midnight shift and (the CDC isn't) open from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. ... and we're not open on weekends," she said.

According to a child care information sheet

available at the CDC, there are 14 different children's centers in the Barstow area, six family day care providers in the towns of Barstow and Lenwood, and only one on-base family day care provider.

"Although there are a few FCC providers out in town, a lot of people don't want to go out in town," Walls said, "you just don't know what kind of care you'll get out there, and even with a babysitter, you just don't know what's going to happen."

Walls recalled a day as a child when she almost died in the care of babysitter after swallowing some toxic fluids, "You just don't know whether the environment is safe, or whether or not the babysitter is capable of handling emergency situations," she said.

To become a FCC provider operating in base housing there are a very complex set of regulations, standards and responsibilities, Walls said.

"Just to start out, applicants must have a back-

ground check done from the state of California, along with any other state they have ever been to ... and that is in accordance with Marine Corps Order 1710.30D," Walls said.

"Applicants must also have at least three references, and go through a series of interviews and home inspections.

"We have to interview everyone living in the house to ensure it is a comfortable environment. We need to make sure the husband, or son or whomever is not an alcoholic or drug addict creating a hostile environment for the children," she said.

"We want people who can not only watch the children, but people who can provide for the physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs of the children as well," said Walls. "Someone willing to help in the shaping of their minds and bodies"

MCO requires completion of 25-and-a-half hours of initial training available at the CDC.

The training includes classes on safety, physical and cognitive development, guidance and program management.

Victoria Roger, a FCC provider who has been providing service to the Barstow and Lenwood area for the last three years said, "It's a lot of hard work ... sometimes you end up acting like a ping pong ball with so much going on, but it can be really rewarding.

"There is nothing like it. I get to stay home with my son and know he's not getting abused."

Roger, who has her Bachelor of Science in Management, admitted, "I enjoy being my own boss ... if I ever get out of doing this, I will never work for someone else, I will have to start my own company or something ... there is just something about being your own boss."

She also admits, "(in-home childcare) is not as regimented in the real world as it is in the mili-

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Developing job resources

By GySgt. Michael Claudio
MCCS Financial Counselor

www.myjobsearch.com

So how do you find out about the jobs that are open?

You can turn to the local paper's classified ads, but they are not the only, or best, means of finding a job.

If you do use the classified ads, look in several papers, and don't forget about trade magazines and journals.

Consider accessing company web sites. Many have links to employment opportunities, and you can often download job applications to print out or even apply on-line.

Your telephone is another valuable instrument.

Call the employers or companies you are interested in and ask for the human resources or personnel department.

You may be referred to a representative or given the number to a recorded "job line" and asked to listen to it first, then call back if there is a job you are interested in and qualify for.

The list of possible resources is extensive.

Be creative and a little adventurous.

The more methods you use, the better response you will have. But also remember, you can't do it all. The bottom line is, don't give up.

Here are actions you should consider:

Access Internet job search websites, such as www.monster.com or

Register with temporary employment or job placement agencies.

Use the phone book to search companies by category or get an idea for major employers.

Call or visit human resources or personnel offices.

Visit State or County employment development services offices.

Send out unsolicited resumes with a cover letter to various employers (send as many as possible as you will average about 3 responses from every 50 you send out).

Talk to friends, family, neighbors, former bosses and coworkers, and give them copies of your resume to hand out.

Go to the public library.
Check city office bulletin boards.
Go through professional recruiters, or "head hunters."

Attend job fairs.

Read books on how to find an employer, such as *What Color Is Your Parachute?* by Richard Nelson Bolles; *The Best Companies for Women* by Baila Zeitz, Ph.D., and Lorraine Dusky; *Peterson's Hidden Job Market*; or *Job Searching Online for Dummies* by Pam Dixon.

Contact your former college or university career counseling center.

If you would like more information about this or any other topic, come by the Career Resource Management Center in Building 129 or call 577-6533.

New base order omits off-road vehicles

By LCpl. Cory Kelly
BARSTOW LOG staff

The current base order regarding off-road vehicles designates one area on base where people can go for a ride.

That area is north of Guam Ave. and south of Rt. 40 and is mapped out in figure 3-1 of Base Order P5500.13.

"There are numerous requirements under section 3003 that the individuals must comply with in order to operate the vehicles," Maj. Leonard Miller, the Provost Marshal said. "Some of these requirements include registering the vehicle with Military Police Pass and Identification Unit, speeds may not exceed 35 miles per hour and the vehicle may not be operated on any roadways unless registered for highway use."

The base order also states vehicles with an engine displacement of more than 250 cubic centimeters will not be operated on base and requires children less than 16-years-old must be supervised by an adult while operating a vehicle in the designated area.

But the authorization of ORV's on base is about to change with the revamping of the old base order, according to MSgt. Richard Wilkinson, a Provost sergeant.

The new base order has already been though staffing and is being sent to Base Admin for signature, Miller said.

"We expect the new base order to go up through the chain and be in effect in a couple of months,"

Wilkinson said.

"The new version of (the base order) omits all reference to an off road vehicle area and requires all vehicles on base to adhere to California Vehicle Code," Miller said.

"Under California Vehicle Code, off road vehicles not designated for highway use must be marked with a green sticker, which serves as the license plate," Mitchell Cox, a California highway patrol officer, said.

"The vehicles must be registered at the Department of Motor Vehicles to get the sticker," he added.

"(CVC) states people operating off-road vehicles, as long as they are registered and are wearing the proper safety gear, can do pretty much whatever they want, there is no speed limit, nor are there any off limits areas," Cox said.

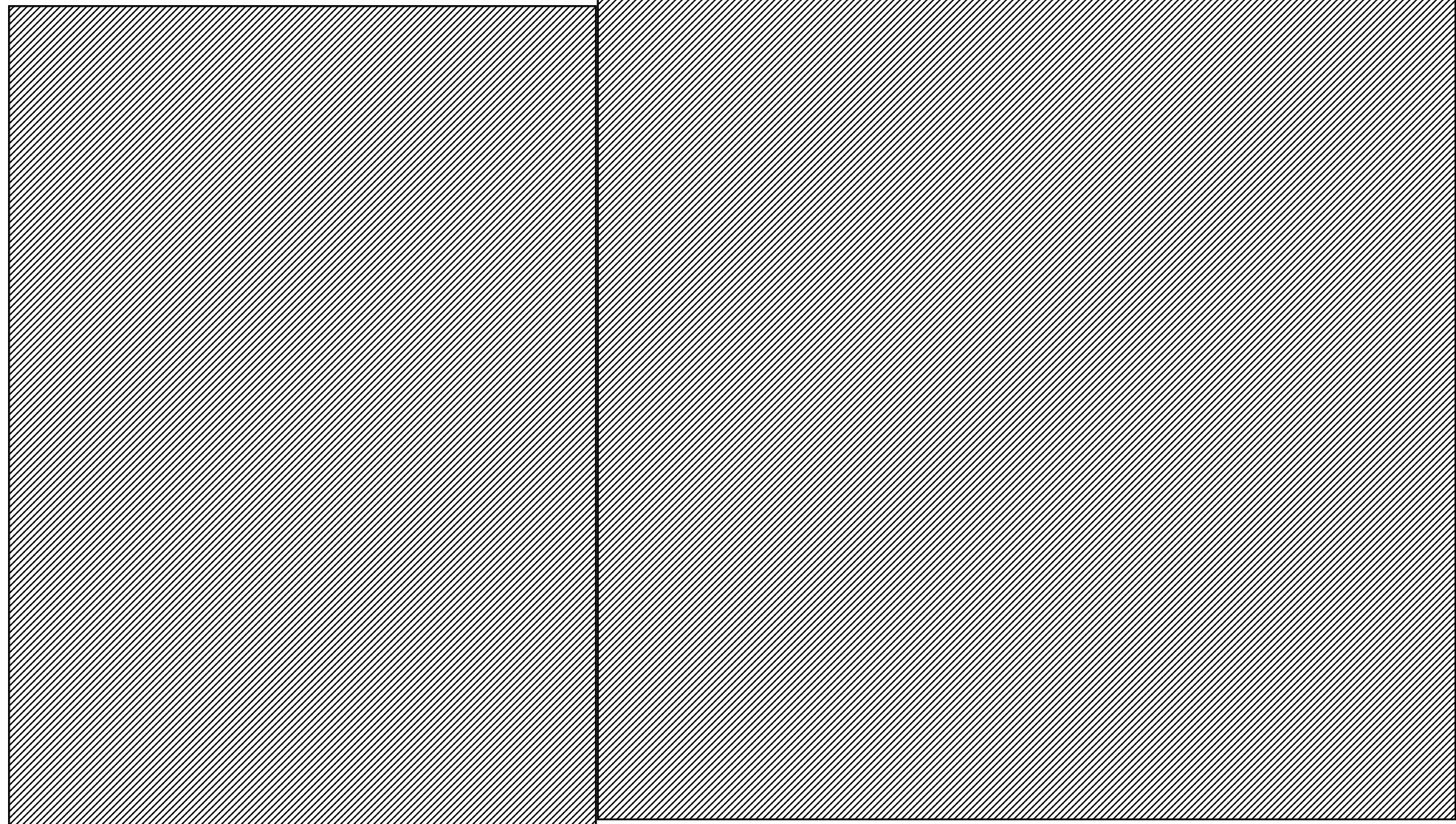
"However, people are not allowed to travel parallel to signed roads or highways and when crossing such roads people must drive directly across."

"There are also some regulations when driving near or around campgrounds stipulated in section 3800 of the California Vehicle Code," he said.

"A lot of people out in housing like to pull their bikes out of the garage and go for a ride ... we just want to let them know they can't do it anymore," said Wilkinson.

Although the new base order is not in effect yet, advisory warnings will be given to those operating ORV's on base ... and when the order is signed, it will become law, Miller said.

All off-road vehicles will be prohibited.



VITA 2000 program surpasses Commandant's goal

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Volunteer Income Tax Association representatives from MCLB Barstow exceeded the goal prescribed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Despite a slow start, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and its VITA representatives surpassed the 80 percent mark by processing 86 percent of the tax returns for onboard active duty Marines.

"We were way behind in the beginning, since Marines were going out in town or filing on their own computers," said LCpl. Patrick Snyder, legal clerk and VITA representative. An influx of last-minute claims set MCLB beyond its projected results.

"People were waiting for the last minute because they owed the government money and needed time to pay it," said Snyder. "What people don't realize is that if they file electronically, they don't have to pay until the tax deadline. Even if they file their claim on January 1, they still have time to pay their debt."

Snyder insists that VITA is the surest way to get a full, rapid refund for those who are eligible.

"Some tax agencies offer an instant refund, where they pay you what your return would be and then collect your refund," said Snyder. "The service can be pretty expensive."

VITA customers at MCLB Bar-

stow saved a total of \$17,229 in tax preparation fees and reaped an aggregate refund of \$198,409.

The newest trend, according to VITA reps, is using home software packages to file claims individually.

"Some of that software still has glitches in it," cautioned Snyder. "If you're not used to doing taxes, you don't know the glitch is there. The IRS doesn't care who makes the mistake. You still owe the difference."

Snyder cited a time when some-

body expected a refund and bought a new car, only to find out that they owed money to the government.

Snyder and LCpl. William Sierra, legal clerk, spearheaded this year's VITA campaign. In a work section that operates without NCOs, Snyder was responsible for reviewing all tax claims after they had been processed. Both served as VITA reps, with Sierra processing the majority of claims on base.

"Sometimes I was filing for two people at one time," laughed Sierra.

"Even though we were undermanned, the Commandant wanted us to do 10 percent better than last year and we met that goal."

The VITA program withstood the workload of active duty Marines and Sailors, plus retirees from all branches and their immediate family members.

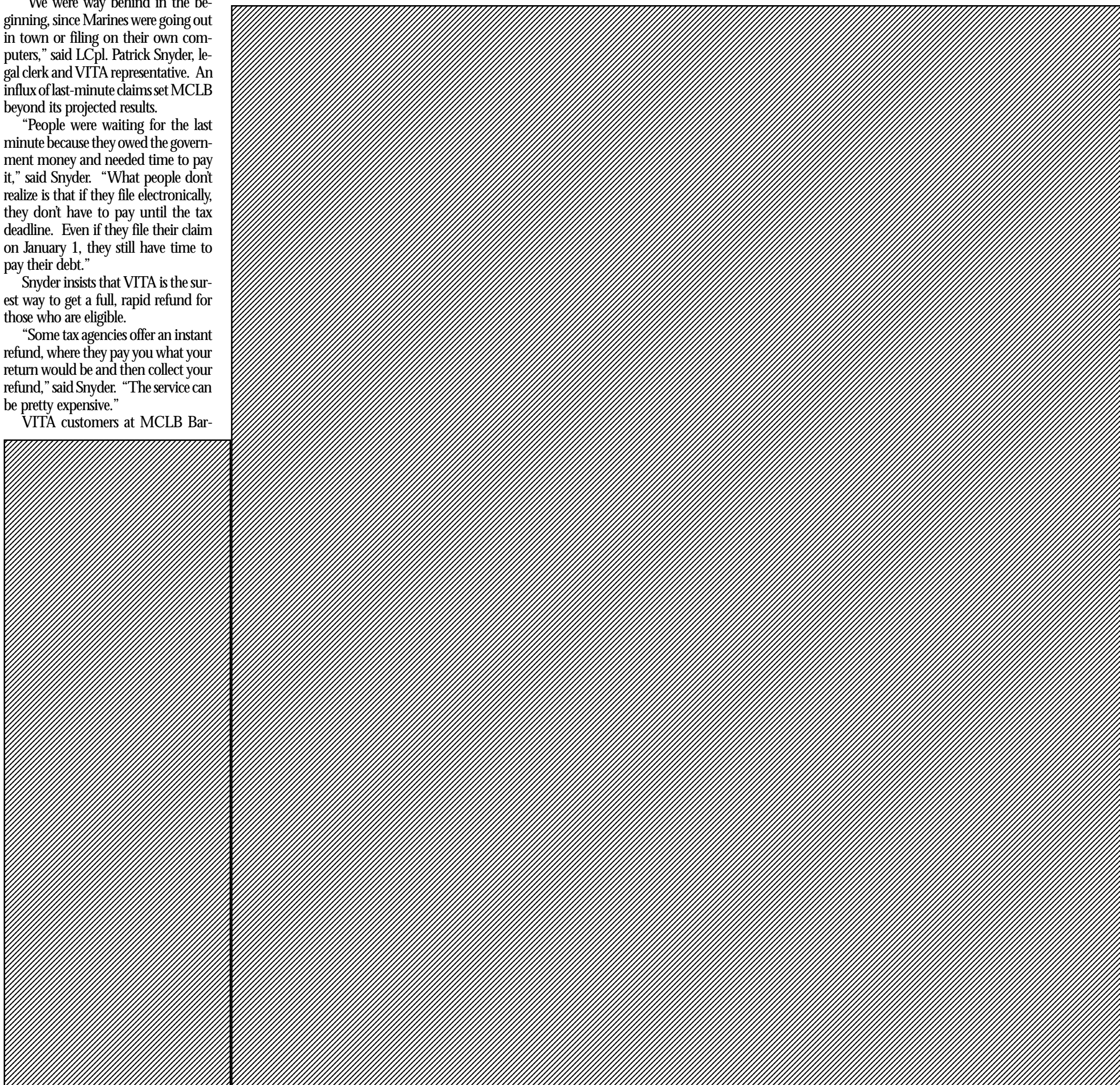
"Most of the time in the legal field, you deal with Marines in a negative light," said Snyder. "This is a way for us to provide a positive service to the Marines."

All volunteers will receive letters of appreciation from the base commander after the results are published Marine Corps-wide. The OSJA will begin to recruit next year's volunteers in December, according to Barbara Kulseth, secretary to the Staff Judge Advocate.

They plan to accent the benefits of being a representative.

Representatives must attend seven days of training and pass state and federal written tests.

"You get free tax training, and when you walk away, you'll be trained to file your taxes for the rest of your life," said Snyder.



READY, FRONT

Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

Career Planner's Advice

Tips for Marines planning to re-enlist

Submitted by SSgt. Christian Galbraith

Career Planner

With a little more than four months before the new fiscal year, first-term Marines should start preparing themselves for re-enlistment now.

MARADMIN 108/00 outlines a one-year pilot program for ASVAB re-testing. The old policy requires a one-month delay for the first re-test and a six month delay for each additional re-test.

Applicants may now take advantage of a second one-month waiting period. For example, if someone takes the test Jan. 3, they can retest on Feb. 3 and again on March 3 before the six month rule takes effect.

Marines wanting to re-enlist must have a GT score of 80 or better. Marines looking to

make a lateral move or apply for an officer program may also benefit from the new policy.

Start testing now so you are ready for the future. Career Planner Newsgram 4-00 announces extension authority for first-term Marines with an EAS between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31.

Marines who intend to re-enlist may extend for as long as four months to provide proper time to make arrangements and submit a package.

An extension may be voided if the Marine opts not to re-enlist.

For more information on these messages, or for answers to any of your career planning questions, call the career planner's office at 577-6684.



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

A few new faces ...

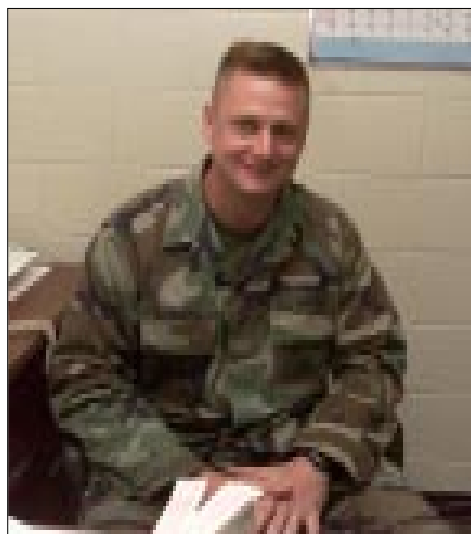


Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

SSgt. Christian Galbraith took over as the HQBn. Career Planner when SSgt. Robert Munroe retired April 14. "I am going to do the best I can for the Marines on this base," he said, "and I am going to get rid of the phrase 'career jammer.'"



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

SSgt. Bruce Raymond is in the process of taking over the job of Substance Abuse Control Specialist when SSgt. Larry Lewis retires in July. "I want to make the Marines aware of the facts and consequences of substance abuse," he said.

One shot, one kill

Sgt. Fabian Garcia teaches LCpl. John Ross the finer points of weapons handling during the snap-in time at the rifle range course. This is the third range of the year, and there are only three left. Don't miss out on a promotion because you missed going to the range early in the year. Contact your platoon sergeant to get on the next range detail.

TEEN from Page 1

Saucedo found that his situation was unique compared to the larger bases.

"Someone there told me they keep their center open until midnight," he exclaimed.

A common gripe among the teens was the need for a teen center separate from the youth center.

"That was the biggest issue down there," said Saucedo. "We need a place where only we can go. These little kids are growing up too fast if they listen to some of the things we talk about. You see five year-old kids saying they have girlfriends. It's not right. We need to be separate from them."

His suggestion for a teen center would be to empty a storage unit that once served as a classroom and set it up for the older kids.

"We don't need money for the teen center," said Saucedo. "The

kids don't use the pool table, they don't use all seven computers we have. We'll clear the room out ourselves."

"We haven't addressed that yet," said Margaret Young, director of the youth center here. "We're hoping to build a new youth center and make this one a teen center."

Young accompanied Saucedo at the conference. Although each teen had an adult escort, they weren't there to help make decisions.

"We had to stand back and let them present their own issues," said Young. "They let us guide the teens, but they held us back and didn't let us interfere."

Young said that some of the issues presented had surprised her. "I was surprised to hear about drugs, alcohol, depression and suicide," said Young. "The bigger bases have a problem with that. We really don't see it much in Barstow."

Saucedo disagrees. "Maybe not depression and suicide, but there's a drug and alcohol problem with some of the teens here,"

he said.

The plan to quell that problem is to bring awareness classes to the youth center and add a sponsorship program.

Saucedo has been in Barstow since June of 1997. "I have seen him mature over the years that he's been here," said Young. "Even from this conference he has matured. They worked with few breaks from about 8-4:30 every day. They weren't treated like little ones."

Saucedo said he doesn't plan to return to the conference next year, but offers advice to anyone who would want to go.

"I would tell a person to be aggressive," said Saucedo. "Don't slouch or look lazy. Get your point across and make sure they take you seriously."

Saucedo plans to stay in Barstow until he graduates high school. His future plans include attending Texas A&M University, studying science and math and eventually becoming an astronaut.

National Law Enforcement Week commences

MCLB's Provost Marshal Office begins recognition week with rifle and pistol marksmanship competition

By Cpl. Brian Davidson
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Provost Marshal's Office started National Law Enforcement Week festivities in the High Desert area with a bang.

Civilian and military law enforcement agencies from across the state assended on MCLB Barstow Saturday to take part in the base's annual Law Enforcement Week Shooting Match.

Nearly 70 people competed during the two-day event. Military agencies from Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Twenty-nine Palms and Nellis Airforce Base, Nevada were well represented.

Saturday's pistol competition included five stages of fire with simulated scenarios that the competitors could be faced with at anytime in their line of duty, including firing seated from behind a desk, around a car as well as other obstacles.

Accuracy was a key factor in how well one faired in the competition; however, timing was equally important. Engaging targets indiscriminately in a high stress situation could cost a policeman them their career, not to mention an innocent life. The match emphasized that, as shooters had to distinguish hostile from non-hostile targets. A time penalty was imposed for shooting the wrong target. Sunday, unlike Saturday, didn't go as smoothly.

"The match went very well on Saturday, but Sunday's rifle match had to be cancelled due to high winds," said Maj. Leonard Miller, provost marshal. "I think we destroyed about nine target carriages before we decided to call it quits."

Competitors were pelted by Santa Ana winds gusting upwards of 40 miles per hour during the first stage of fire at the 200yard-line. Three relays



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Stanley Helsey, Twentynine Palms Provost Marshal's Office, engages targets from behind a car during his second stage of fire.

completed the first stage of fire, but no rounds were fired from the 300, or 500yard-lines.

Bringing an early close to competition created more time for barbecue and camaraderie.

Other recognition week events include the Law Enforcement Breakfast May 19 beginning at 7 a.m. at the Oasis Club and a three-day the Law Enforcement Softball Tournament May 19 through 21 at the Barstow Sportspark. For more info call 577-6669.

Pistol competiton

1st place - SBSB

Glen Alfaro
John Berlitich
Robert Hostetter
Robert Walenski

2nd place - CHP

Dave Dudley
Merrill Gracey
Ken Halerbaker
J. Peters

3rd place - CHP 2

John Mason
Kieth Nessel
Phillip Quintal
Tom Rosselli

High Military Team - PMO Twentynine Palms

Brian Abieman
Sean Spatar
Stanley Helsey
Cory Gray

Individual

1st place - Robert Hostetter, SBSB
2nd place - John Berlitich, SBSB
3rd place - Tom Rosselli, Anaheim PD

High Military Individual

Stanley Helsey, PMO Twentynine Palms

Heikkenen Trophy Winner 2000

Tom Rosselli, Anahiem PD; Highest pistol to participate in rifle shoot before its cancellation.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson



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Participants in the weekend's festivities network and share their experiences in law enforcement during the barbecue after the awards ceremony.

(LEFT) Competition officials score and analyze a target for penalties after a shooter has completed his first stage of fire. Competitors were given a time penalty for shooting white targets, which simulated noncombatants or hostages.

DOGS from Page 1

Christine Ege, veterinarian, pronounced the dogs to be in good health.

"These guys go out of their way to take care of the dogs," she said.

While the vet makes sure the dogs are in good health, the handlers keep the dogs in top shape through training. But training is difficult without a good training area for the dogs.

"We need a training area more like the one at Fort Irwin," said LCpl. Herby Flatt, dog handle, PMO.

The Fort Irwin training and obstacle course is built in a well maintained grassy area with strongly secured obstacles. According to Army Sgt. Matthew Figley, dog handler, Fort Irwin PMO, having grass in the training area keeps the dogs safe from a lot of injuries.

"[The dogs] can run around without hitting rocks and possibly getting stone bruises on their pads," he said. "That can put a dog down for a while."

Having grass in the training area also eliminates the possibility of the dogs getting burrs from desert weeds. According to Figley, the burrs can lead to death by working their way under the skin and causing infection.

Figley said the MCLB obstacle course isn't all bad. "I like the variety of obstacles compared to ours," he said. "Our regulations don't cover stuff like climbing a ladder."

Although he liked the variety of obstacles, Figley said not having the obstacles permanently set can hinder the dogs training. Having the obstacles permanently set would increase their stability. If a dog isn't training on a

stable obstacle it could make the dog second-guess himself. According to Figley, a dog that second-guesses himself in training will almost always second-guess himself in real-life situations. A dog that has been training on solid obstacles in training will have enough confidence in itself to get over an obstacle in real life even if it is a little unstable.

Ege has told the MWD section not

to use the obstacle course until it has been properly restored.

"Having confident and well-trained dogs is a necessity, and this is why we are restoring the obstacle course" said Cpl. Jeremy Webb, Kennel Master, PMO.

A work request has been submitted to fix the water line and improve the grass and dog handlers are using self help to repair the obstacles.



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

LCpl. Herby Flatt comforts Bak as Army Capt. Christine Ege takes a blood sample from the dog's neck. Ege pronounced the dog in good health after the check-up.

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MCCS



MARINE CORPS Community Services Barstow

By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

You still have four days

Our Mother's Day Sale is in progress through Mother's Day, May 14. You still have time to buy that special gift. Big discounts from 15% to 50% off on selected items and Waterford Crystal 70% off. We also have our special savings on womens clothing. Even if you already have your Mother's Day gift, an extra something special would please her even more. Drop by and check out the bargains available in our Mother's Day Sale. There's still time - the sale runs through Sunday, May 14. And don't forget - the Sand Dollar is back at the Exchange. Start collecting those rebate "dollars" and save even more on your purchases at the Exchange.

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.

Lunch menu for this week

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

Today - Roast beef, vegetable, roll/butter.

Friday - Hoki fish, roll/butter.

Monday - Open faced turkey sandwich, vegetable, roll/butter.

Tuesday - Chicken stir-fry, vegetable roll/butter.

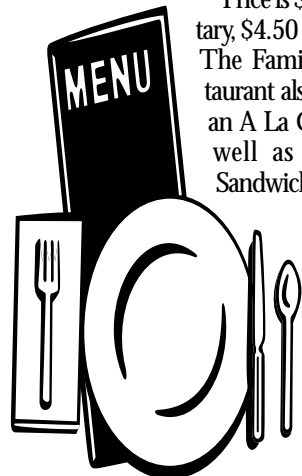
Wednesday - Mexican chili, roll/butter.

Thursday - Prime rib, 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 - Lasagna

Next week - Taco Night

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.

Dem Brooklyn Bums Concert

You can purchase your tickets at the MCCS ITT Office located in the Bowling Center. ITT hours are Mon-

day through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the Bowling Center Wednesday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



The concert price is \$10 (\$15 at gate), children 12 years and under are free with paid adult. The concert will be at the Robert Sessions Memorial Sportspark on Sunday.

For more information call ITT at 577-6541.

Mother's Day Brunch

Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 14 is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Family Restaurant.

Menu will include: Omelets cooked to order, scrambled eggs, sausage, baked ham, bacon, oven roasted potatoes, roast turkey, roast beef, pancakes, french toast, vegetables, assorted beverages, seasonal fresh fruit and desserts.

Price: All mothers \$3.50, adults

\$6.95, children (5-12 years) \$3.95, children 4 years and under are free.

Free tickets for single Marines

Semper Fit has free tickets for single Marines to the European Renaissance Festival at Riverview Park in Corona/Norco.

Tickets are available for May 14 and May 29.

Call SSgt Owen at 577-6899 or Brenda at 577-6971 for details; or you can pick up your tickets at the Base Gym, bldg 44.

Semper Fit

Semper Fit has a new Health Promotion Coordinator - Marisa Klavon. Marisa welcomes anyone interested in getting a personal program done to feel free to visit her at bldg 44, Base Gym, between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call 577-6817

Feel great and have fun too! Join the aerobic classes - Monday and Wednesday from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. and another class on Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The class fee is \$20 per month or a \$2 walk-in-fee. For more information call 577-6971.

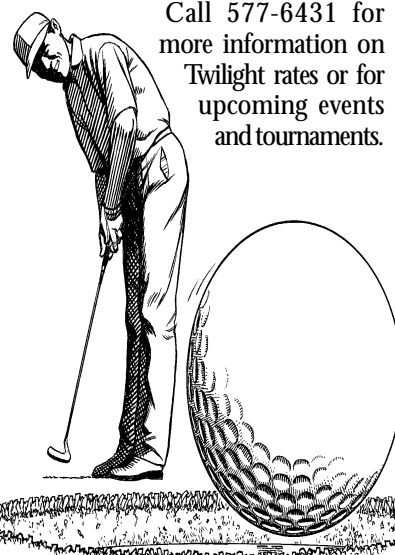
Tees & Trees Golf Course

Twilight rates will begin Friday, May 19 - green fees will be half priced (based on 18 hole rate).

Twilight rates begin daily at 1 p.m. The weather is perfect for golf and the price is right too - time to hit the greens and enjoy the great sport of golf.

Tees & Trees Golf Course is open Monday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Call 577-6431 for more information on Twilight rates or for upcoming events and tournaments.



SPORTS

Sports Briefs

MCLB Bowhunter's 3-D Archery Shoot

All bowhunters and archery enthusiasts are invited to compete in the MCLB Bowhunter's 3-D Archery Trail Shoot May 20 at 9 a.m.

The competition will be held behind the Tees and Trees golf course.

Competitors will stalk one of two courses. Each course will have at least 20 targets.

Awards will be presented to the top three finishers.

Dry camping is available.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. and continue until 8:45 a.m. The cost is \$15 per competitor. All proceeds will benefit the Marine Corps Ball Committee.

For more info contact Chaplain Mike Michener at 577-6849 or MSgt. Carolyn Fallin at 577-6068.

Semper Fit race

The Single Marine Program sponsors a Semper Fit 10k run/5k walk June 3 starting at the base gym. Base personnel and retirees are invited to compete free of charge. There will be awards given to teams and individuals in each of several age categories. Teams may consist of as many as five runners and all members must cross the finish line together.

There will also be a one-mile walk/run for the younger competitors.

Sign-up forms will be available at the base gym or via e-mail. For more info, call CWO Bill Bradshaw, Semper Fit officer, at 577-6543.



Puckhogs win season opener

By Cpl. Matthew R. Weir
BARSTOW LOG Staff

The Puck Hogs opened the Fort Irwin summer roller hockey season even, with a win and a loss against Team Cyr Monday night.

The Puck Hogs started out slow when the Hogs' new goalie Jeff Donovan knocked the puck for Cyr. At the end of the first period, the hogs already looked drained being down 2-0.

Cyr continued to run over the hogs when Jason Findahl, took Cyr to 3-0. Puck Hogs' Mike Ashbrook scored the first Hog goal less than a minute afterwards. As if the goal set Team Cyr in motion, Matthew Figley sent the puck to the back of the Hogs net making it 4-1.

Not being able to stand another goal, the Pugliese boys started a rally with a goal from Mike (Little Mike) Pugliese Jr., and left it to his dad, Big Mike, to score two more for a 4-4 tie by the end of the second.

Four-and-a-half minutes into the third period Ashbrook got his second goal of the night putting the Hogs into the lead for the first time.

Big Mike took the Hogs up by two and got his first hat-trick of the season with three minutes and 40 seconds left in the game.

Team Cyr's Findahl made a last ditch effort for his team when he scored at the two minute mark.

Hogs ended up winning their first game of the season 6-5.

The Hogs didn't fair as well in the second game as Little Mike replaced Donovan in the net. Thirty seconds into the game Team Cyr put the first

point on the board with a shot from Rob Mon.

Joey Rancourt tied the game at one when he put in the Hogs first goal from near the half-court line. Although the Hogs came out strong with the win under their belt, not having enough substitutes started taking its toll on the team in the first period.

With five minutes left in the first, Matthew Pringle put Cyr in the lead again at 2-1.

"All we have to do is stay a point ahead of them," said Figley. That is just what Cyr would continue to do for the rest of the game.

Three minutes into the second, Figley brought his ideal to life when he put Cyr ahead by two.

Although the Hogs found themselves down by three midway into the second period, they continued to strive for the win. By the end of the second the Hogs only trailed by one. As they entered the third, the lack of substitutes had taken its toll on the team. Cyr pushed their lead to four to win the game 10-6.

Puck Hogs Mike Ashbrook and Team Cyr's Matthew Pringle and Rob Mon took home hat-tricks.

"I don't think we played to bad for the first game of the season," said Jay Hunsaker, team coach. "I wish we would have won them both, but we didn't do too bad. We won one and lost one. We will do better next time around."

If you are interested in joining the Puck Hogs contact Jay Hunsaker at 577-7211. The season is still young, come out and play.

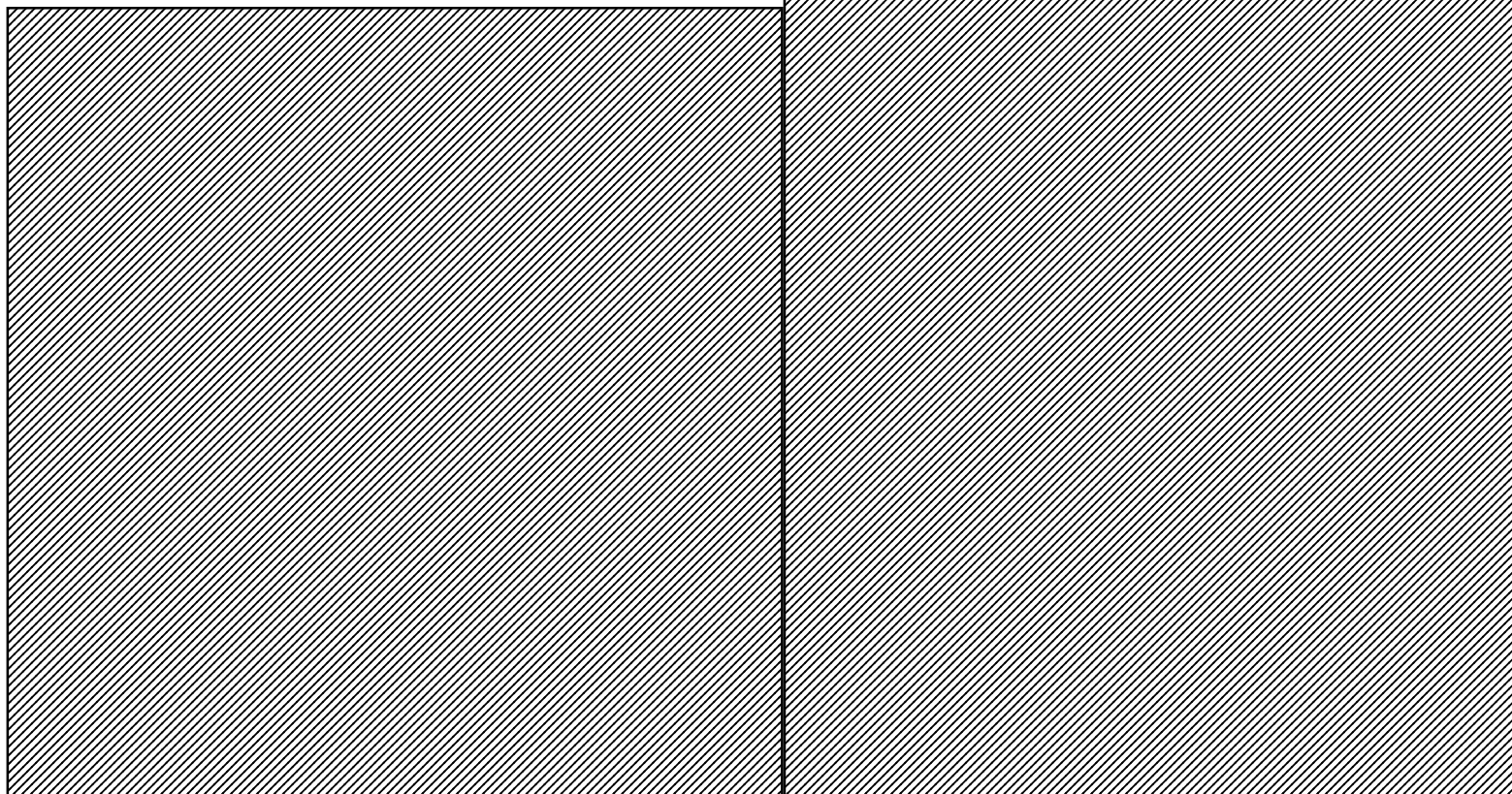
The Hogs next game will be 6:30 p.m. May 31.



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

Watery fun in the summertime

Construction on the Family Swimming Pool continues in preparation for the May 26 opening. If construction continues past opening day, all patrons are invited to use the Oasis Club swimming pool until construction is completed. For more info about the pools and other MCCS facilities and equipment call 577-6899.



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

1968 SCOUT INTERNATIONAL: 4wd, 8 cyl, asking \$1,200. Call (760) 252-0052.

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1992 TOYOTA PICKUP TRUCK: Rebuilt engine, new tires, alternator. Battery and cables, \$3,000. Call 252-4726.

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APPLIANCES: Refrigerator, 16 cubic foot. \$115; Dryer, electric \$45. Call 252-9199.

RIMS: Four aluminum Mustang rims, 4 lug \$100. Call 252-9199 Lv msg.

SAILBOAT: 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.

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PETS: Guinness needs a new home, Guinness is a one year old Rot and Black Lab mix, very playful and neutered. Leaving in June. Call 254-2368.

QUAIL: Male, Bobwhite. \$5. Each. Call 254-3464

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: ALICE pak, 782 gear, K-

bar, Military lensatic compass, will pay fair prices. Call 252-9146.

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LOST: Emerald Wedding ring. Reward if found all 252-4726

CHILDREN from Page 3

tary. We have to take three eight-hour classes including an introduction to in-home child care, and an introduction to child-hood diseases. We have to go through an opening inspection covering health and safety requirements, and follow-up inspections every two or three years," she said.

However, to operate on base, FCC providers must be inspected quarterly by the Safety Department, "and once a year by me," Walls said.

"We are definitely a lot more stringent here on base than it is out in the civilian world, but it's like that for a reason. We like to ensure children are getting the best care available," she said.

"One of the things the military would like to see is that all family day care providers become accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs under the National As-

sociation for the Education of Young Children," Walls said. "I always say that just being a licensed child care provider is like working in the basement ... and being a (validated) child care provider, you've got that golden seal - your up there on the top floor."

"I think it's like a feather in someone's cap to become validated. I always say it's a good housekeeping seal

of approval."

"There are 39 items looked at in the validation process, and the Child Development Program pays for the cost of the valuator's visit.

Although there are a lot of hoops to jump through while becoming a licensed FCC provider, let alone a NAEYC validated one, the CDC is always there to help, Walls said. "If

people need supplies they can borrow them from us. We have anything from books and audio tapes to toys and bassinets ... and it's all here for people who need it."

For information about FCC providers in the Barstow area or about becoming a FCC provider call the CDC at 577-6287.

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Each of us is a product of a culture from the environment that we were raised in. Some of these were filled with a specific ethnic, religious or racial culture that was passed on by generations. Some of us were raised in multi-cultural environments or we came from a background we would characterize as having no specific culture. During celebrations of special events and holidays is when we normally display the richness of our heritage. In our entertainment, our food, and our customs, we carry on the traditions of our families and in many cases our religious and ethnic backgrounds. These are part of what makes us who we are, and to know how and why we celebrate is to better know who we are.

I believe it is important to give the members of our community the opportunity to celebrate their cultures. Through their celebration we begin to know more about them than just who they are on the job; we begin to know who they truly are and what makes them the unique individual they are. We also begin to see more similarities in the diverse cultures of the world. As leaders the more we know of what is important to our people the better we are at motivating them and gaining the most from our collective efforts.

I fully endorse our Multicultural Heritage Day and encourage maximum participation by the members of the Base and our tenant activities, within operational constraints. Where possible, up to an hour of administrative time can be authorized as training time to attend. Events are scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Live entertainment of different types will be performed in addition to displays by organizations and individuals. And yes, an international food court is available for people to taste the cuisine of the different cultures. All this is at no cost to those attending. To further emphasize the importance of not only the Logistics Base as being a diverse community we have invited the local community to join us and extended special invitations to the local middle and high schools.

As always, I ask that you stay informed and stay involved. To that I add, celebrate your heritage; be proud of your cultural background; and reach out to celebrate with one another.

