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# ILOVEYOU: Love letter attachments carry file-damaging virus

By Cpl. Matthew R. Weir  
BARSTOW LOG staff

After being launched it only took the ILOVEYOU virus 12 hours to go around the world, costing more than two billion dollars worth of time and effort as it went.

According to the Associated Press the ILOVEYOU virus was started in the Philippines. The virus first hit MCLB Barstow May 4, causing problems with servers and desktop computers, prompting the Information Systems Office to shut down the E-mail system.

Half a day to make it around the world, but more than 150 hours to clean up here, according to John Harrison, ISO. He said it is hard to

estimate the overall cost to the Marine Corps because each base has been affected differently.

"We have had technicians dispatched throughout both Nebo and Yermo responding to trouble calls on desktop computers that have been infected," said Harrison. "Users reported 52 trouble calls that were tracked by our new Remedy Helpdesk software supporting the ISO helpdesk."

Even with the amount of time put into in fixing the problems associated with the virus here, Harrison said Barstow was a relatively easy fix compared to places like Albany where there was no E-mail until May 8. All E-mail services here were shut down all day May 4, on base e-mail was returned May 5 with off-base E-mail being restored

over the weekend.

Barstow was also fortunate most of the critical files on desktop computers were recovered by using antivirus software, with the exception of graphics files residing on servers and workstations, according to the ISO.

A total of 591 Intranet graphics files and other files were deleted from servers because no fix option was available.

It is easy to see from the ILOVEYOU virus that computer viruses are serious problems, but there are easy ways to minimizing your risk of getting one on to your computer.

Antivirus software should be updated at least every week, according to Harrison. When you do not update your antivirus software you are endangering your computer-based work as

well as everyone else's on your network, he said.

Also, he said to be suspicious of E-mail attachments. "When in doubt, ask questions before opening files," he said. "There have been over 29 variants of the ILOVEYOU virus so far. We still see the Melissa, PWsteal, Pretty Park and Trojan Horse viruses.

"There are over 47,243 viruses in existence now and more being written every week."

Like the old saying, "save early save often," you should update your antivirus software and scan often. "It only takes about 15 minutes to run antivirus software," said Harrison, "but many hours to clean an infected system that may still have permanently lost files through the virus."

## Environmental Division presents ... E-bike

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan  
BARSTOW LOG staff

The base Environmental Division is taking the training wheels off of its pollution reduction campaign and rolling in high gear on its latest piece of equipment.

The E-bike, designed by former Chrysler CEO Lee Iacocca, operates by both standard pedaling and electric motor. It can travel as fast as 15 mph for up to 20 miles and for as long as four hours before needing a recharge. But most importantly, "Riding them around puts no pollutants in the air," said Jack Stormo, head of Environmental Division.

Environmental purchased two bikes to test how well they fare uphill, through strong winds and in intense heat. If all goes well, the bikes can replace government vehicles for short trips on base.

"Most of us go from meeting to meeting all day," said Stormo. "I hardly bring anything with me. Why bring a vehicle and let it sit in a parking lot while someone else needs it?"

Environmental plans to release its



Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

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Col. Mark A. Costa, base commander, tests out a new E-bike.

## Court issues decision on bid protest

By Jackie Noble

Defense Distribution Center,  
New Cumberland, PA

On May 10, the Court of Federal Claims issued its decision dismissing the bid protest filed by the American Federation of Government Employees on the Defense Logistics Agency, Defense Distribution Depot Barstow, California A-76 procurement.

AFGE contended that the tentative decision to contract out the distribution operations to EG&G Logistics violated provisions of the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76, the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act of 1998, and 10 United States Code 2462(b).

The Court found that the AFGE lacked standing as an interested party within the meaning of the Tucker Act, as amended by the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996 to challenge the cost comparison.

The Court also rejected AFGE's argument that the FAIR Act and 10 USC 2462(b) provided a basis to

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## The Commander's Forum

The "Commander's Forum" is a tool the Base Commander uses to hear and address the concerns of base residents, employees and others. To contact the Commander's Forum, call 577-6535. Send your concerns via e-mail to SMB Barstow Commanders Forum.

# Can I get a little service?

**Q** Sir, I believe in supporting our commissary, base exchange, library, base restaurant, etc.. I truly believe that by using these facilities, it helps the base financially. But something needs to be done in the base restaurant to improve the current process.

Here's my complaint:

Ordering from the grill can take your whole 30 minute lunch break. First, you wait in line to get your order for up to 15-20 minutes, then the order is prepared and you finally get your order 10-15 minutes later. Now you have take it with you because your lunch break is over.

I have called in my order to see if it expedites things, but sometimes it takes just as long because of the line just to pay or the order is not

ready.

Getting the special of the day – I think the food is great. You get your food, hot line or subs, but you wait in line for up to 15-20 minutes. You either swallow your food or get a box to go because your break is over.

Another problem is that the cashier is overtasked. One person at the cash register has to:

- Take all grill orders and take them back to the kitchen,
- write a ticket for all meals, then ring it up,
- ensure that all military personnel sign a log sheet, and
- take all phone orders.

Some changes are needed to make the service customer oriented.

In past years, there was a short order line and the other line was for hot meals.

Another problem area is the soft drink location. If you want to get a refill, you have to get in front of people who are waiting in line. The dispensers should be away from the crowd.

Sir, I know you use the restaurant and the food is good, but I'm wondering if the situation has been analyzed.

I have personally filled out the customer survey forms in the past and nothing has changed.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to express my complaint and concern on this issue.

**A** Thank you for being a faithful patron of the Family Restaurant and for bringing this matter to my attention. You are correct, the demands on the restaurant and its staff is greatest during the short lunch period the Civilian Marines have, usually during the 11 a.m. to noon hour.

The restaurant staff is concerned about providing rapid service and have taken some initial steps to address the situations you described. In an effort to ensure patrons are served more efficiently, patrons that need to place a grill order are now allowed to go directly to the cashier to place their order.

The telephone has been removed from the area of the register to reduce the distraction to the cashier. The management of the Family Restaurant has looked into relocating all beverage dispensers to a more convenient location but that requires some major renovation to accomplish, and the funds are not available at this time.

In the future, please feel free to talk to the Family Restaurant Manager on duty for assistance. The Food and Hospitality Branch regrets any inconvenience to their patrons and are dedicated to taking the opportunity to serve you in the future.

## Discipline yourself: learn, grow

By Cmdr. Richard C. Butler  
Chaplain, 8th and I

Play the word association game for a moment with certain people of the Bible. I'll state the name and see what word pops first into your mind. Here we go. Noah. What word do you think of? Most of us think, "Noah – the flood." What about Jonah? The whale. Jonah and the whale. Samson? Samson and Delilah. – And Daniel? The Lions' Den. People who haven't the faintest notion who Daniel was or when he lived have some knowledge of the story of Daniel in the Lions' den. It occurs in the Old Testament book of Daniel, and centers in on a young man whose life was remarkable for its discipline. He knew how to say no at certain times, how to say yes at others, and how to persist in his quest for character.

First, who was Daniel? He was a youth who lived in the 6th century before Jesus when the Jews were living as exiles in Babylon. The book that bears his name was written around 200 BC, and describes the experiences Daniel and his friends had while in Babylon, and especially, how they had to struggle to maintain their integrity while there, away from home. The book is unusual in one way, in that half of it was written in Hebrew, half in Aramaic, the spoken language of the common folk of the first century. The first six

chapters tell stories of Jewish life in Babylon. Among the characters are three young men being tested, Shadrach, Meshach and Abenego, who were cast in the fiery furnace. And there is the story of Daniel in the Lions' den. The last six chapters describe visions Daniel had about the end of time, and is much like the book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible.

And the point of the book? Discipline. How an individual or a nation can maintain their discipline while undergoing hardships? How did Daniel do it? One part of discipline is learning to say NO at the right time. The word no is a chisel to be used to chip away anything that doesn't belong in life. Michelangelo said that this was the way he went about sculpting those exquisite statues. If it was an angel he was carving, he simply took a block of marble and chipped away everything that wasn't an angel.

This was Daniel's strategy for survival in Babylon. He said no, even in as simple a thing as the food he ate. The book opens by telling how Daniel and his friends turned down the rich food served in the King's palace, and ate only vegetables. If he could not stay in control of what he ate, how could he stay in control of what he did? A magazine recently carried an ad for a little device

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## Do your children send too much info over the Internet

Submitted by  
Base Safety Office

Cyber-stalkers can easily compile tons of information through innocent questions. Talking over the Internet can make you feel safe within your home, but how hard is it for someone to find out where you live?

Shannon could hear the footsteps behind her as she walked toward home. The thought of being followed made her heart beat faster. She began to walk faster, but the footsteps kept up with her pace. She was afraid to look back and she was glad she was almost home.

Shannon said a quick prayer, "God please get me home safe." She saw the porch light burning and ran the rest of the way to her house. Once inside, she leaned against the door for a moment, relieved to be in the safety of her home. She glanced out the window to see if anyone was there.

The sidewalk was empty. After tossing her books on the sofa, she decided to grab a snack and get on-line.

She logged on under her screen name ByAngel213. She checked her Buddy List and saw GoTo123 was on. She sent him an instant message:

ByAngel213: Hi I'm glad you are on! I thought someone was following me home today. It was really weird!

GoTo123: You watch too much TV. Why would someone be following you? Don't you

live in a safe neighborhood?

ByAngel213: Of course I do. I guess it was my imagination, I didn't see anybody when I looked out.

GoTo123: Unless you gave your name out on-line. You haven't done that have you?

ByAngel213: Of course not. I'm not stupid you know.

GoTo123: Did you have a softball game after school today?

ByAngel213: Yes and we won!

GoTo123: Awesome! Who did you play?

ByAngel213: We played the Hornets.

Their uniforms are gross! They look like bees.

GoTo123: What is your team called?

ByAngel213: We are the Canton Cats. We have tiger paws on our uniforms. They are really cool.

GoTo123: Did you pitch?

ByAngel213: No, I play second base. I've got to go. My homework has to be done before my parents get home. I don't want them mad at me. Bye.

GoTo123: Catch you later. Bye.

Afterward, GoTo123 went to the member menu and began to search for her profile. When it came up, he highlighted it and printed it out. He took out a pen and began to write down what he knew about Angel so far:

Her name: Shannon

Birthday: Jan. 3, 1985

Age: 13

State where she lived: California

Hobbies: softball, chorus, skating and going to the mall.

Besides this information, he knew she lived in Canton because she had just told him. He

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### 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.



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

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# News Briefs

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

## 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 Friday from 7-8:15 a.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.

## Travel conflicts

Due to the SATO closing every Friday, tickets for official travel are usually printed the day before travel is scheduled. All weekend travel tickets are printed on Thursdays.

If personnel scheduled for travel require the tickets in advance, because of leave or other circumstances, please contact TMO or the battalion CONAD.

There have been problems with personnel requesting tickets to be issued on Friday, without informing TMO or

CONAD of their requirement.

If you have any questions, please contact CWO Jeffrey Clawson or Anastasia Birchfield at 577-6994.

## Blood Drive

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

Contact your Department Administrative Officer if you have not already signed up to donate.

## 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.

## Playmorning

The New Parent Support Program Playmorning will meet on Tuesday from 10-11:30 a.m. at the McKinney Center.

Anyone with children ages six and under are welcome to attend. For more info, call Sandra Casey at 380-4021.

## CWRA Tijuana trip

The Civilian Welfare and Recreation Association has scheduled a bus trip to Tijuana, Mexico on June 24. The bus leaves MCLB Barstow at 6:30 a.m. and stops in Victorville at approximately 7 a.m. Round-trip bus fare to the border is \$10.

Additional busses take passengers to Tijuana and Rosarita Beach. Spend the day shopping and dining in Tijuana, or surf, swim, hike, ride on horseback along 20 miles of coastline in Rosarita. The bus departs from the border at 7 p.m.

For tickets and info, call:

Name	Phone #
Dan Keirn	577-6614
Fred Molino	577-7210
Bruce Rowe	577-7207

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine why promotions are so slow.

- Cliff Acles 577-6896
- Ed Frey 577-6940
- Rick Tusing 577-6492
- Barbara Kent 577-7382
- Ed Guz 577-6183
- Vince Chavez 577-7731
- Barbara Kulseth 577-6771
- Kay Servais 577-6233
- Ernie Hawkins 577-7406

## Advisory meeting

The YAC Parent Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday at 5 p.m. at the Youth Activities Center.

The following will be discussed: Teen Council, Teen Summit, flyers for the YAC, the summer program and the tutoring program.

Plan to be there!

For more information call 577-6499 or 577-6287.

## In-home child care

Red Cross-certified day care provider Irma Leal is available for in-home care. There are currently two spots for ages two and under, and four spots for ages three and older. She provides USDA-approved meals and conducts learning activities all day. For more info, call Irma Leal at 252-8659.

## 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.

## Single Marines Against Drugs

The Single Marine Program is scheduled to sponsor a day-long event against illegal drug use June 3 at Sorensen Field.

A 10-kilometer run starts the day off at 6:30 in the morning. There will also be a run/walk for the kids at 7 and a 5-kilometer fun walk at 7:30. At 9 the Punt, Pass and Kick Football Challenge will get underway in the under 14 and over 15 categories.

There is no registration fee required. Early registration will be held May 26, or you can sign up on race day between 5:30 and 6:15 in the morning. T-shirts will be given to each participant.

After the race there will be snacks, booths, a dunk tank and a rock-climbing wall.

A comedy show is also set at 7 p.m. at the Oasis Club. Wally Wang, will be the master of ceremonies, with comedians Jackie Kashian, Patrick DeGuire and Carlos Oscar as the headlining comedian.

Carlos Oscar has been on NBC's The Single Guy, Fox's Living Single and the syndicated show, Apollo Comedy Hour.

One thing all the comics have in common is a clean act. Just like his greatest comic influence, Freddie Prinze, Oscar keeps the audience rolling without going to the gutter. "As an 11-year-old kid watching 'Chico and the Man,' I looked up to him. He made me realize that you could be both funny and clean and still make people laugh," he said.

The event is open to all military and MCLB civilian employees, so come

out and have a great time having fun and fighting against illegal drug use.

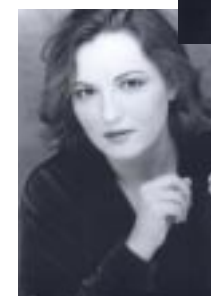
For more info or registration forms contact the Marine Corps Community Services office at 577-6899.



Walley Wang  
Master of Ceremonies



Carlos Oscar  
Headlining Comedian



Jackie Kashian  
Featured Comedian



Patrick DeGuire  
Featured Comedian

## Swimming Pool correction

The swimming pool information on page 10 of last week's BARSTOW LOG was incorrect. Decisions about pool usage have not been determined. We regret the error. Complete pool information will be published in future issues of the BARSTOW LOG.

## Job Watch

Ann.#	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEA-062-00	Voucher examiner (OA)	05-02-00	05-30-00	05-16-00	MCLB Barstow
GS-0540-04 (Term NTE 1 yr.)					

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>.



Photo by Cpl. Matthew R. Weir

**Tell me a story ...** Grace Walls, training/curriculum director, Child Development Center, reads to a group of 3- and 4-year-olds at the base library. Walls said she reads to the children so they can see why books are so exciting, and to share her personal enjoyment of reading. "They need to see reading as a fun activity, especially in the next few years when they will start learning to read," she said. Everyone is welcome to bring their children to hear the stories. The next reading will be June 16 from 10 to 11 a.m.

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you can install on your refrigerator door. Every time you open that door, a voice will begin to say, "Are you eating again? Close that door. You'll be sorry, fatty," and so on. Substitutes for will power! Daniel did not need that. He made some clear decisions about what he wanted his life to be like, and then began to chip away at all that did not belong them.

And remarkably as he said No to

those things, life became immeasurably fuller and more complete. In a lesson learned in the winter time of the year and the beauty of nature. If you want to grow, start by cutting something away or off. Prune back the empty habits, the dead wood; and new things start to grow in their place, new life you never thought possible. It can't be done unless you have a picture in your mind of what you want your life to be like. Once that picture is clear, then you will be able to identify and chip away ev-

erything that doesn't fit there. How do you picture your language at its best? Is some pruning needed there?

What about character, the way you have fun? Does the chisel need to do some cutting away there? Remember, no one can ever be caught in places he or she does not visit. A firm NO, well-used, does the pruning, and remarkable things begin to grow as a result. Daniel's discipline began with his ability to say NO.

# 50th Annual Armed Forces Day

By Hon. William Cohen  
Secretary of Defense

Throughout our nation's history, men and women of courage and devotion have willingly defended our nation's liberties at freedom's front – in any sky, on any ocean, on any shore.

Fifty years ago, president Harry Truman deemed that a day be set aside to commemorate this tradition by honoring those of you who serve this nation in uniform.

What President Truman observed then remains true today: It would impossible to maintain peace and freedom without our

armed forces.

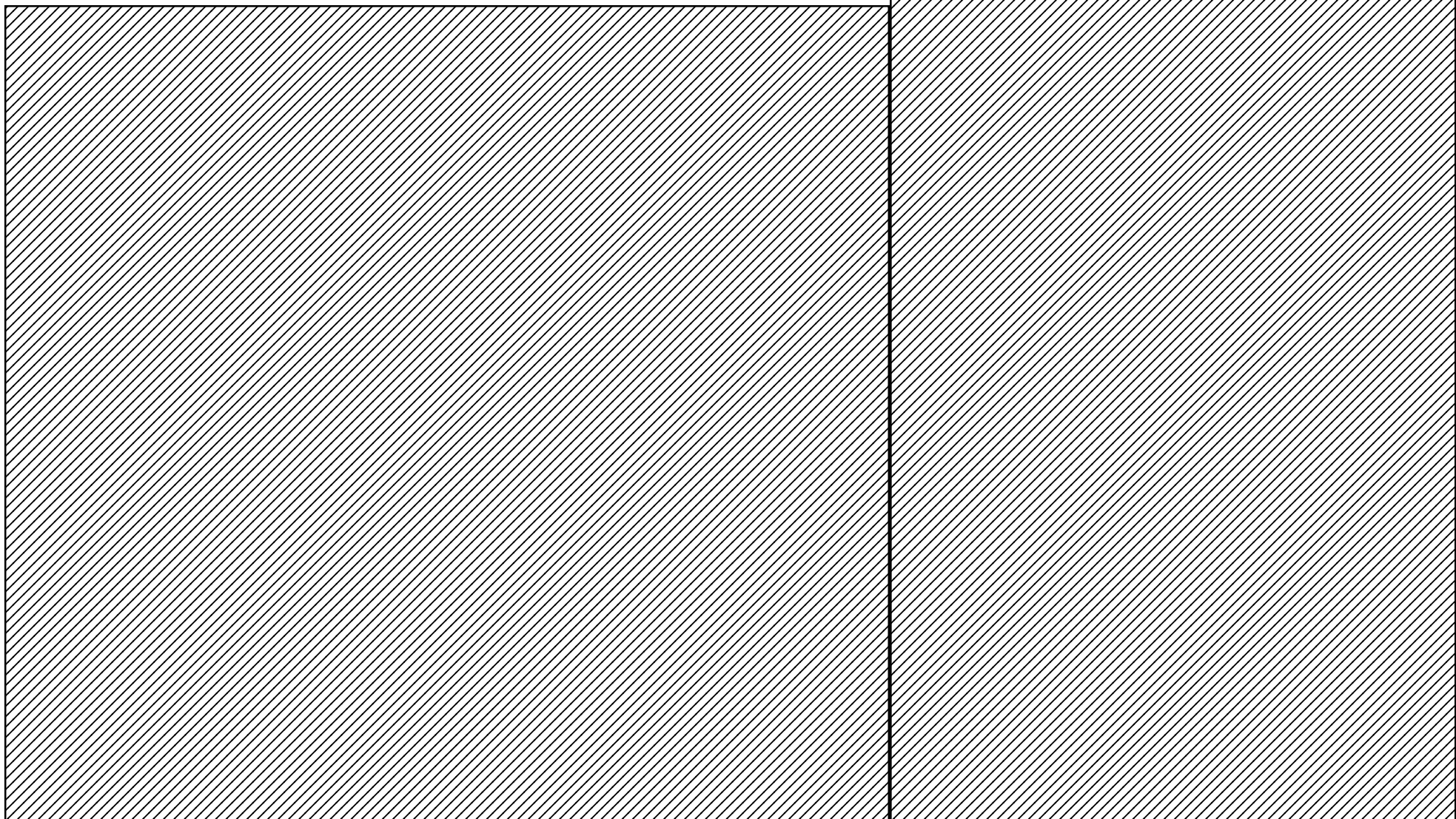
Today, you carry the torch of this rich tradition of faithful and devoted service here at home and around the globe.

Wherever you serve, whether patrolling the waters of the Pacific, risking all in the no-fly zones over Iraq or maintaining peace in the Balkans, you are the finest force for peace the world has ever known. You are a truly inspiring team that holds tremendous hope and opportunity for people the world over.

On this fiftieth armed forces day, the American people join me in expressing our profound gratitude to you, aware that your commitment to this nation does not come without peril or price.

Duty often calls for prolonged periods away from family and home, in missions that can be difficult and dangerous. So it is truly fitting that we pause on this day to recognize these sacrifices and to honor you, patriots whose passion and dedication preserve the blessings of freedom every day.

As your Secretary of Defense, my message for you today is simple, and a feeling shared by all Americans: We need you. We are enormously proud of you. We thank you for your selfless service.



# Military Training meets labor standards with apprentice program

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan  
BARSTOW LOG Staff

More Marines can convert their formal military training to an apprenticeship in the civilian work force, now that the sea services have established the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program.

The Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard have recently signed with the Department of Labor to establish a parallel between military occupational specialty training and National Apprenticeship standards.

"The civilian agencies don't know what military people do," said Belinda Jones, Education Program Specialist at

the Headquarters Marine Corps Lifelong Learning Center. "They know about the discipline and work ethic, but there was no way to vouch for technical skills."

The USMAP is the offspring of the Marine Corps Apprenticeship Program and the Navy National Apprenticeship Program; both initiated in the 1970s.

Jones, who specializes in updating Marine Corps training and education programs, was tasked with researching the effectiveness of the MCAP. She began in 1998 by putting out a message to the education officers throughout the Marine Corps, asking what they thought of the program.

Rich Johnston, base education officer here, was one of the first to reply.

"He said 'it stinks, but I love it,'" recalls Jones. "Some people didn't even know it still existed."

Johnston met with Jones in Washington, D.C. to discuss ways to revitalize the program.

"We sat down and brainstormed for two or three days," said Jones.

Jones determined that a partnership was the best means of establishing an upgraded program.

"If we had to build an apprenticeship program from the ground up, the figures would have been astronomical," Jones said.

On Aug. 20, 1999, The Marine Corps and Navy signed an agreement to merge their programs.

It allowed records to be automated into the Marine Corps Total Force system and documented at the USMAP office at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.

"It sustains [the Navy's] program," explained Jones. "They were doing great already. Now other services contribute to developing their program."

The Coast Guard climbed aboard, and the deal between the three services and the Department of Labor was signed April 11. The promise of higher vocational credentials was finally in writing.

"It's totally revamped," said Jones. "In the beginning it was just a paper trail. You had to go all over the place to find your records and then see if they would be accepted."

Depending on the field of endeavor, a servicemember may convert between 2,000 and 8,000 hours of training and instruction to an accredited level of job certification. The standard covers 107 occupational fields in several industries.

With the agreement signed, the Lifelong Learning Center is now committed to adding opportunities within the USMAP.

The Department of Labor bureau of apprenticeship and training and labor has 873 additional fields eligible for accreditation, not yet undertaken by the USMAP. Additional training guide-

lines may provide expansion into more vocations.

The next milestone, according to Jones, is the possible implementation of the National Labor College. The college awaits Middle States accreditation and, if approved, will grant college credit for labor hours and training.

"If they get accredited, there will be a world of difference," declared Jones. "We're trying to get people academic credit for this training. Rather than force people to make the decision of going to college or working, the training can be used in both places."

Although the initiative makes a servicemember more marketable in the civilian job force, officials don't fear a retention problem. Most criteria can not be met in one enlistment and is considered a re-enlistment incentive.

"The servicemembers don't have to get out of the military in order to gain job skills," said Jones.

"They can stay in the military as long as they'd like and not have to

worry about being behind in the job market. They arm themselves with professional skills that they can use whenever they decide to get out."

The training standards are met with a combination of schooling and daily responsibilities.

The Department of Labor requires 144 formal instructional hours (MOS school, MCI, correspondence courses, etc.). The rest of the training is documented on a status sheet, which must be signed by the member's NCOIC, OIC or section chief.

"This promotes lifelong learning from the time you're a recruit until you retire," said Jones, citing a Marine Corps standard of 'cradle-to-grave.'

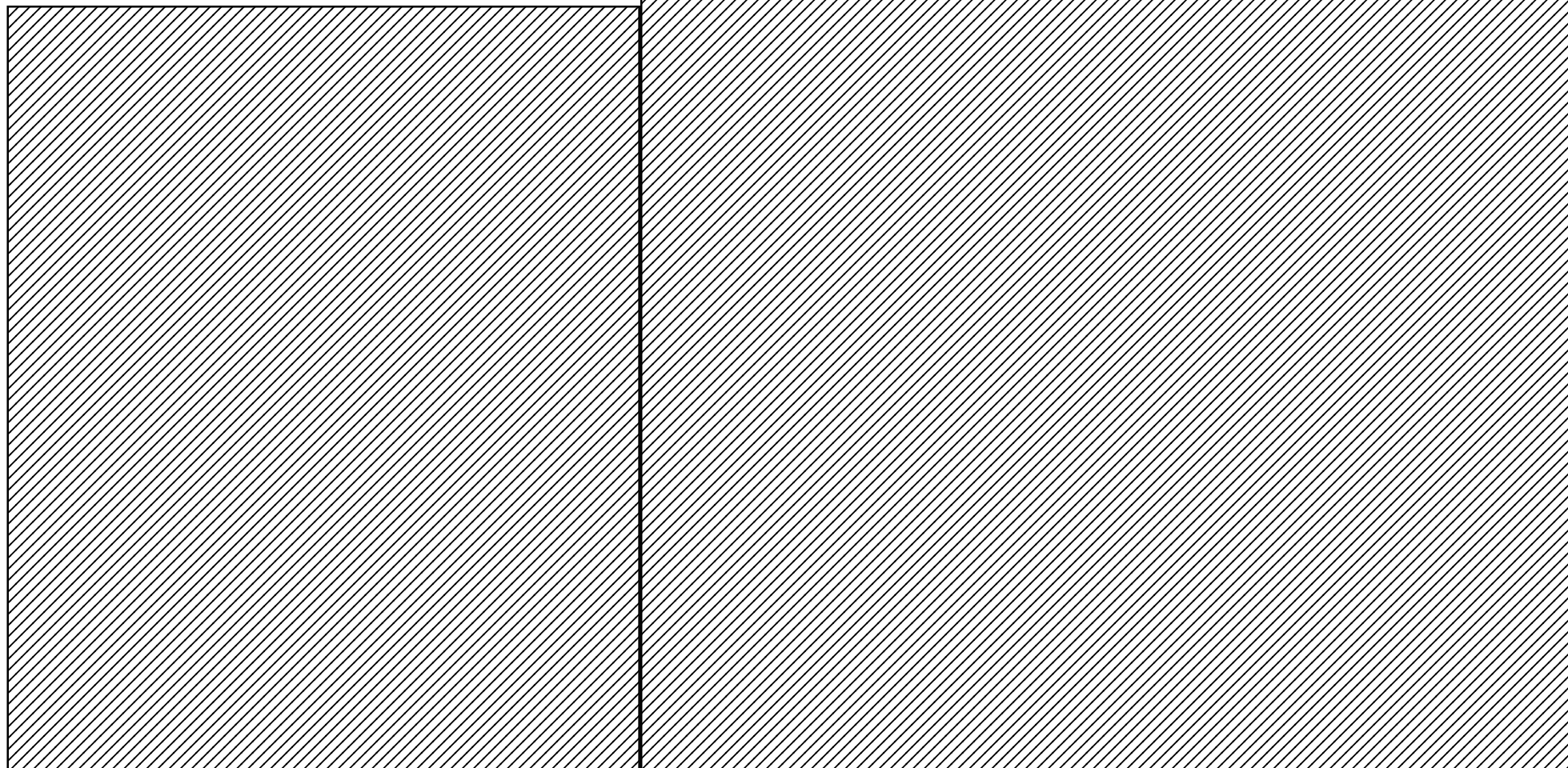
"It establishes a civilian outreach, and it helps you gain professional recognition for the work you've done," she concluded.

For more information about the USMAP, visit the official website at <http://www.cnet.navy.mil/mmaps> or call Rich Johnston, base education officer, at 577-6118.

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# DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Maintenance Center Barstow

From the Director ...

## Maintenance Center Change of Command

By Col. J. Martin Jr.  
MC Director

There will be a Change of Command Ceremony at which Colonel Joseph Martin Jr., United States Marine Corps will be relieved by Colonel Ervin Rivers, United States Marine Corps on Friday the sixteenth of June at ten o'clock.

I request the pleasure of your company at the front of Building 573, Maintenance Center Barstow, Yermo Annex. There will be a Reception immediately following the ceremony at the Oasis Club, Marine Corps Logistics Base.

### Colonel Ervin Rivers

Colonel Rivers entered the Marine Corps under the Platoon Leaders Class program in 1972 and after earning his BS degree in Criminology from Florida State University in 1974, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He completed the Basic School in June of 1975. In 1975, he attended and graduated from the Ground Supply Officers Course at Camp Lejeune and was

subsequently assigned to the 2d Marine Division. From 1975-1978, Second Lieutenant Rivers was assigned as a supply officer in the 6th Marines.

In 1979-1983, First Lieutenant Rivers was ordered to the 8th Marine Corps Recruiting District, where he was assigned the duties of the District Supply Officer.

In 1984, Captain Rivers was ordered to the Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Ga., promoted to Major and assigned duties as Head of the Maintenance Support Branch. After a successful tour at the Marine Corps Inventory Control Point, Major Rivers attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College at Quantico, Va.

In 1987, Major Rivers was assigned as the Operations Officer of the 3d Supply Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group Okinawa, Japan.

In 1991, Major Rivers was assigned to the Marine Corps Systems Command (MARCORSYSCOM) and in 1992 he was pro-

moted to Lieutenant Colonel. While at MARCORSYSCOM, he completed his masters degree in Business Management and graduated from Florida Institute of Technology with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

In 1994, Lieutenant Colonel Rivers took command of MSSG-11, and deployed to the Persian Gulf in the South West Asia theater of operations in support of the 11th MEU. While in Command of MSSG-11, Lieutenant Colonel Rivers was selected to attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) and in 1997 completed his studies and earned a second masters degree in National Security Resource Strategy.

In 1997, Lieutenant Colonel Rivers was assigned to Headquarters Marine Corps, Installations and Logistics Department, Logistics Plans, Policy and Strategic Mobility Division and headed the Materiel Policy Section. In 1998 Lieutenant Colonel Rivers was promoted to Colonel and selected to command the Multi-Commodity Maintenance Center at Barstow, Calif.



Col. Ervin Rivers

## Maintenance Center LAV workload (FY 00)

By Beverly Kulju  
Heavy Mobile Equipment  
Business Center

Marine Corps Light Armored Vehicle (LAV) workload in the maintenance community has undergone some significant changes for the Fiscal Year (FY)00 and beyond. Work processes have changed on incoming LAVs. Some of those changes resulted in more extensive work being performed within the Maintenance Center Barstow. The first of FY00 LAV-25 assets were inducted into the maintenance cycle on Dec.

1,1999. The scheduled Repair Cycle Time (RCT) for an LAV-25 is 120 days, excluding the preservation process. Based upon RCT the assets were scheduled for completion on March 30, 2000. On March 7, 2000, Life Cycle Management Center (LCMC) identified an immediate shipment requirement for three LAV-25 assets destined for Okinawa to be at Port Hueneme by April 10, 2000. Maintenance Center Barstow personnel expedited the processing of two LAV-25s to fill the requirement.

What is so unusual about this event? One aspect is more detailed weld inspection, corro-

sion control initiatives, and an increase in the mandatory replacement parts identified by the customer. Changes also occurred in the reporting method for the LAV asset history. LCMC updated and distributed a new repair instruction and additional reporting forms, as well as a requirement for each asset to have a set of the documentation associated with the asset shipped to the end user.

What a team effort went into making the shipment of these two assets possible! On April 5, 2000 the presentation of the documentation package by Steve Baisa, Cost Work Center

(CWC) 713 Supervisor to Berry Kelly, Inspector.

The supporting CWC 713 effort was accomplished for the first two LAV-25 assets. This included preservation on one asset. Within days the second asset was presented to Fleet Support Center (FSC). FSC matched SL-3 gear and the shipments occurred with successful delivery to Port Hueneme. This truly was a team effort and the Maintenance Center Barstow and FSC can be proud of this accomplishment. Keep up the good work and as a team we can meet all the customers requirements for the LAV program.



Photo by Duane Holmes

(Back row from right) Steve Bourbin, Ron Halliday, Leon Kauth, Pat Avery, Dave Russell, Earl Gonzales, Steve Hamel, Dave White, Rey Fernandez. (Front row) Berry Kelly and Steve Baisa.

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Maintenance Center Deputy Director: Gary Baker

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# Barstow Log 2000 Survey

Gender: Male  Female  Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

If employment is military or DoD civilian, what is your pay grade? \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you read the BARSTOW LOG? \_\_\_\_\_

How much of the BARSTOW LOG do you read? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you like most about the BARSTOW LOG? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you like least about the BARSTOW LOG? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you rate the BARSTOW LOG's coverage of the base community? Why?

Below Average:  Average:  Above Average:

Do you find the BARSTOW LOG to be a credible publication? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think the BARSTOW LOG has kept personnel informed regarding Installation Reform and other key issues? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you get your copy of the BARSTOW LOG? \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for completing this survey. Your responses are important to us. The BARSTOW LOG is your publication as well as the voice of the Base Commander. If something is wrong with it, then we really do want to know.

Complete and return to the Public Affairs Office at Building 15 or you may FAX it to us at (760) 577-6350.

## What do you read in the Barstow Log?



**Carl Dawson**  
Materials Handler,  
Warehouse 7  
"I read the whole thing. It's pretty good, but they need more room for classified ads."



**John Harrison**  
Network Systems Branch  
Project Leader  
"I look at the pictures, to be honest. I like the middle section. There's something different every week and there's always something interesting in there."



**Cpl. Walter Olenderski**  
Communications  
Center Operator  
"I like the sports section, but it needs to be bigger. Some things aren't getting enough coverage."



**Anita Lewis**  
Head, Information  
Systems Office  
"I like those new teaser boxes on page one. It's a quick indication of whether or not I want to read the whole thing."



**Cpl. Craig Myers**  
Communications  
Center Operator  
"I read the front page stories. Those are the things that people wouldn't recognize unless you put them in the paper."

## Why haven't you turned in your survey?

By **Sgt. Mike McQuillan**  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Okay folks, this is your chance to be heard. Do you have any pent-up criticism of the Barstow Log? The burning desire to shower us with praise?

We print our readership survey in the paper every so often to give you, the reader, a chance to be heard and tell us where to take our paper.

Unfortunately, we haven't had much feedback. So

here to help you unleash the creative beast within you are some select personnel aboard MCLB sharing their perspective on the newspaper.

We are here to serve you, and we appreciate your input, whether it be positive or negative. Let us know what's on your mind.

Fill out the survey and return it to our office in the Red Wing of Building 15. The survey can also be submitted via the Internet at <http://www.bam.usnc.mil>, by clicking on Public Affairs and News.

## Marine Corps University says 'Tougher is Better'

By **Sgt. Jim Goodwin**  
QUANTICO SENTRY staff

MCB QUANTICO, Va. – Marine Corps University has "upped the ante" on the Corps' Enlisted Professional Military Education programs.

Stemming from a two-year review of the needs of the staff non-commissioned officer ranks, a new curriculum known as "Enlisted PME 2000," has been designed to focus more on practical application vice written examinations and to avoid topic overlap between resident and non-resident courses.

The last time the resident professional military education courses were reviewed was following the Gulf War, said MSgt. Steven Gregory, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Enlisted Education Branch at MCU. The new curriculum, which has been taught for several months now, is the result of an extensive study involving about 1,200 Marine staff NCOs. All six of the Corps' staff NCO

academies will validate the new curriculum for two more courses to ensure all course materials are "streamlined."

"We've corrected all 135 lessons or so," explained Gregory. "We want to ensure that a Marine going through a course in Camp Lejeune, N.C., is getting the exact same instruction as a Marine going through the same course in Okinawa, Japan."

The new curriculum is also intended to familiarize Marines with new technologies, and to "enhance the professional development ... in the areas of warfighting and leadership through instruction and evaluation."

Now, Marine NCOs are required to apply what they've learned from both their nonresident and resident courses, not just regurgitate information on written exams.

"We were in this habit where Marines were just studying ELOs (enabling learning objectives)," said Gregory. "Now they're required to do more performance evaluation."

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# Five P's of Job-Search Performance

Submitted by  
Personal Services Division

Adapted from James Siegfried's book, *The Complete Workbook for Penetrating the Job Market*.

You need more than a network of contacts and an updated resume to be successful in your job search. You need a tenacious attitude. But to be most effective, your attitude must be balanced and enhanced with the five P's: *Patience, Persistence, Purpose, Pleasantness* and *Professionalism*.

Be *patient* with yourself and with the job-hunt process. Don't focus on a quick fix by grabbing the first job you can get. Be *persistent* in keeping up your research and networking. Be a *pleasant* "bug" when requesting interviews. Always conduct yourself in a pleasant, *professional* manner, and you'll make a notable impression on everyone you encounter. And, always have a *purpose* behind your actions so you're not just keeping busy without really accomplishing anything. (Some people are very good at research and will spend weeks at the library, but they shy away from networking and completing informational interviews.)

The whole process is a long, rough road. But with the five P's and plenty of hard work, you'll achieve success.

If you would like more information about job searching or other aspects of career transition, come by the Career Resource Management Center in Building 129 or call 577-6533.

## Semper Fit Questionnaire

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you satisfied with the hours at the Base Gym? YES NO  
If not, what hours would you like? \_\_\_\_\_

How satisfied are you with the existing equipment in the gym?  
 Very satisfied       Satisfied  
 Somewhat satisfied       Not satisfied

What kind of exercise equipment would you like to see in the gym (be specific)?  
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In what sports programs would you like to participate?  
 Volleyball       Softball       Soccer  
 Basketball       Flag football

Are you satisfied with the services provided at the base gym?  
 Yes       No

Are you interested in having a personal training program?  
 Yes       No

How many days a week do you use the gym?  
 1-2  
 3-4  
 5 or more

What is your current job status?  
 Active Duty: Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
 Civilian  
 Retired military  
 Family member

Are you satisfied with the cleanliness of the gym?  
 Very satisfied       Somewhat satisfied  
 Satisfied       Not satisfied

Are you interested in an aerobic class during lunch? (Circle one) YES NO

Please provide questions and comments below.  
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## E-BIKE from Page 1

test results at the end of summer. If the bikes withstand all testing, environmental will recommend that other supervisors purchase one for their sections.

"The hotter it gets, the more resistance there is to electrical current," said Stormo. "We'll find out on one of those 115-degree days in July if the bikes can operate in the desert heat."

The bicycles cost \$995 each, according to a release from Savage BMW in Ontario. Power is generated from a hub motor and charged by a 23-lb. maintenance-free battery power pack.

"Part of the object of the study is to determine how cost-effective it will be," said Stormo. "It won't replace govern-

ment vehicles, but it can cut back on gas mileage and other expenses."

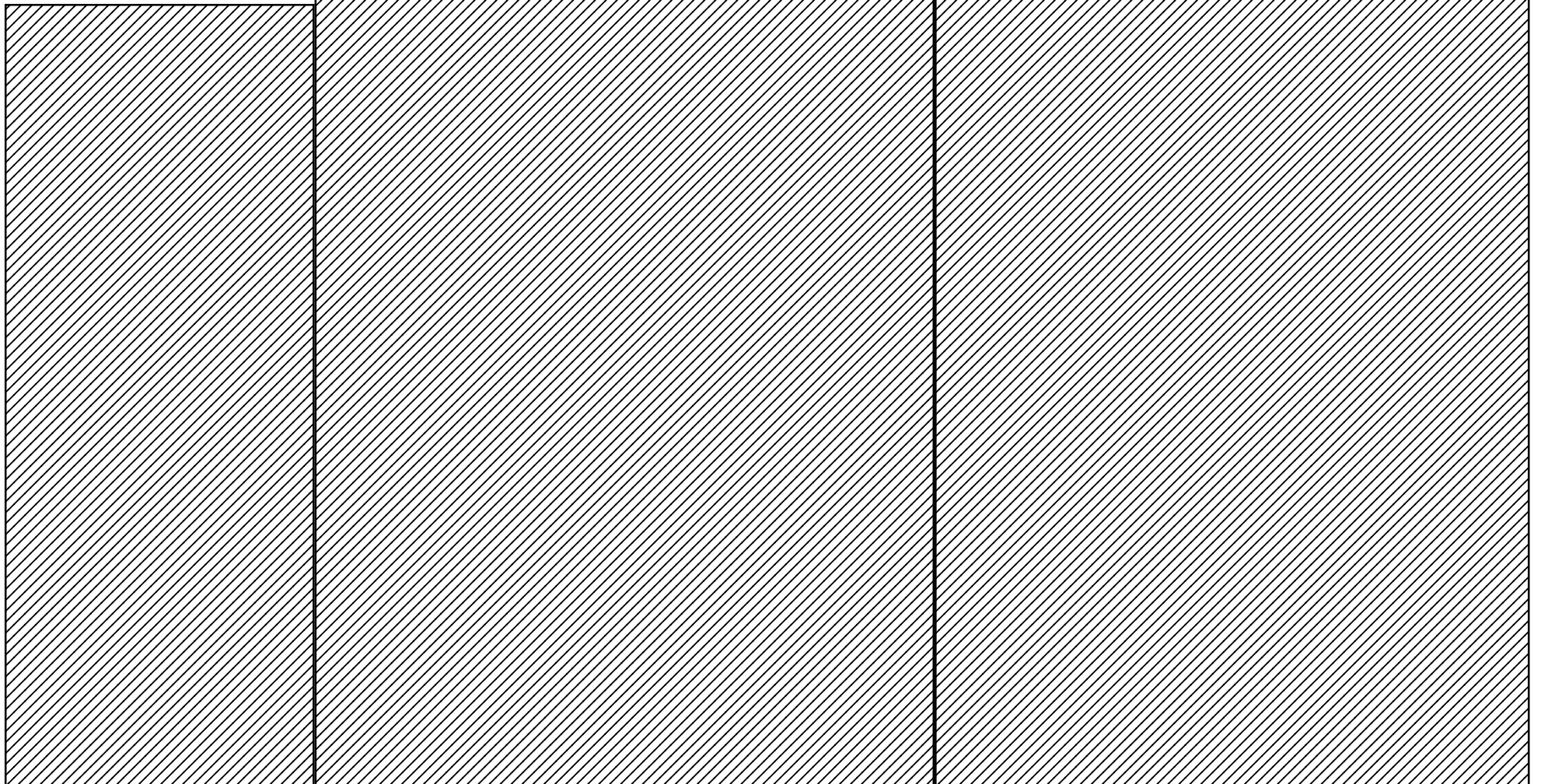
Regardless of the study's outcome, the low-maintenance vehicles will yield positive short-term results.

"Primary interest is to cut back on pollution," said Stormo. "[The bike] keeps up our pollution prevention activities and still allows us to accomplish the mission."

Testing in the first month has yielded positive results, according to Stormo.

"We've done a little work going uphill against the wind," he said "Thus far it's working great."

If the test proves positive, "we'll suggest to other people whose job assignment involves short trips on base to maybe invest in a bike," said Stormo.





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It's a harder curriculum."

In addition to the tougher curriculum, a valuable reward – a college degree – may be earned as the program develops.

According to Gregory, a future goal of the Enlisted Education Branch and MCU is to gain accreditation for the new Enlisted PME 2000 courses, just as the university's Master's program of Military Studies for officers was accredited last December.

"From the Sergeant's Course all the way through the completion of the Advanced Course, the Marines will be nearer a degree completion," said Gregory. "They might just be an English or math class shy of their degree in military studies."

Long-gone are the days of completing a nonresident program through Marine Corps Institute, only to find the same information covered in the subsequent resident course.

In conjunction with Marine Corps University, Marine Corps Institute will begin publishing revised editions of the NCO and staff NCO distance learning education programs later this year to coincide with the new Enlisted PME 2000 resident program.

Now, distance education programs offered by Marine Corps Institute are prerequisites for resident courses, said Gregory. Using a "building blocks" method of learning, the distance learning programs establish a "core of knowledge and skills on which the performance-based classroom instruction builds."

Resident courses such as the Sergeants' Career and Advanced courses will expand upon information taught in nonresident programs.

When a sergeant attends the Sergeants' Course, he or she will be given a pre-test at the start of the course on material covered in the nonresident distance learning books. If a Marine scores low on elementary map skills, for example, then they must re-study

their nonresident books because those basic skills won't be re-taught in the resident course.

In the past, there was a 90 to 95-percent overlap between the resident and non-resident courses. Now it's about a 10 to 15-percent overlap, where it should be, said Gregory. "This is real-world stuff, we're not just performing book knowledge anymore," said Gregory. "We're actually making Marines go out and perform the tasks."

For example, sergeants will learn to conduct training on non-judicial punishment; staff sergeants are required to

perform advanced land navigation using new technology, such as the Global Positioning System; while gunnery sergeants are required to write an entire drill package, such as those used during parades and ceremonies. Instead of performing land navigation, gunnery sergeants will set up a land navigation course.

In the past, Marines either passed or failed courses strictly on written examinations. Under Enlisted PME 2000, approximately 60-percent of Marines' grades are accumulated from practical application of the knowledge they've learned.

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challenge the action.

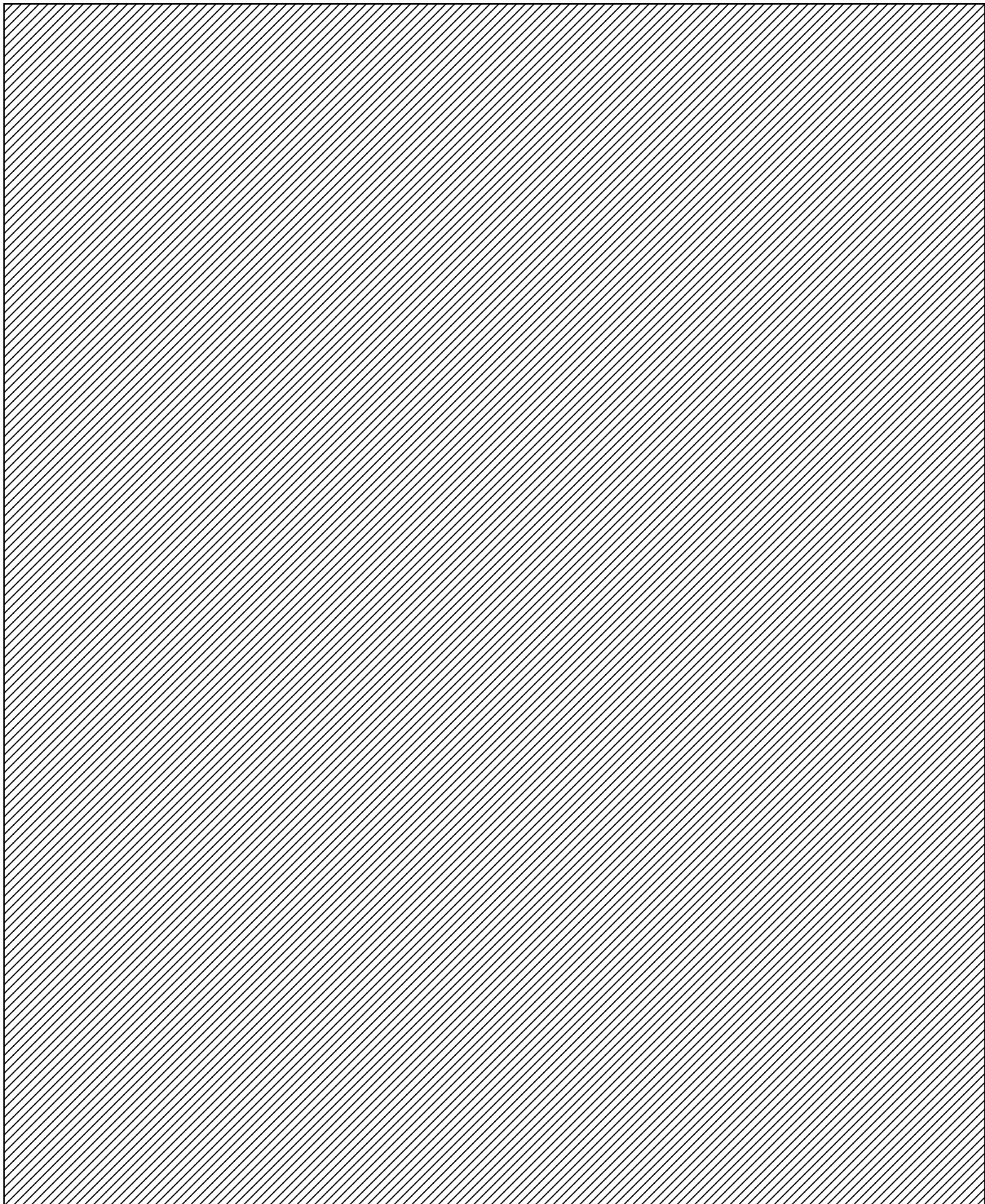
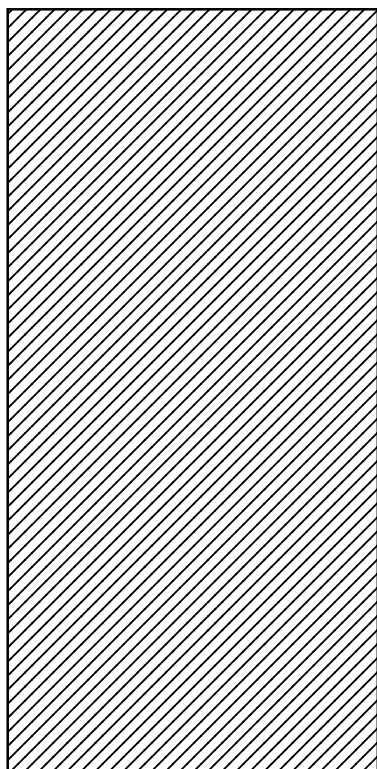
A Post Award meeting will be held May 18-19, 2000 at the Defense Distribution Center Headquarters in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

DDC, DDBC, and EG&G personnel will review the contract terms line-by-line, discuss the transition implementation procedures, discuss the personal property and inventory accountability procedures, and review the employment right of first refusal procedures.

Distribution Depot Barstow California employee placement continues to progress towards the transition date of August 16, 2000.

Below are the personnel statistics as of May 12, 2000.

Original number of separations: 126  
PPP Offers Accepted: 38  
VERA/VSIP Approved: 31  
ICTAP Placements: one  
Other separations: one  
Residual Efficient Organization (REO) Positions: seven  
New required number of seps.: 48  
Pending PPP offers: 12





By Jim Gaines  
MCCS Publicity

**Memorial Day Sale**

Our Memorial Day Sale starts May 22 and runs through May 31.

Selected summer fashions for men and women are 10 percent off. Selected Rayban sunglasses are 20 percent off. We have an assortment of gas BBQ grills at low, low prices while they last - great for summer backyard BBQ's.

Start collecting your "Sand 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** - Prime rib, vegetable, roll/butter.

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

**Monday** - Honey baked ham, vegetable,

roll/butter.

**Tuesday** - Pepper steak, vegetable roll/butter.

**Wednesday** - Chicken Cordon Bleu, vegetable, roll/butter.

**Thursday** - Enchilada casserole, 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** - Taco Night

**Next week** - Meatloaf

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

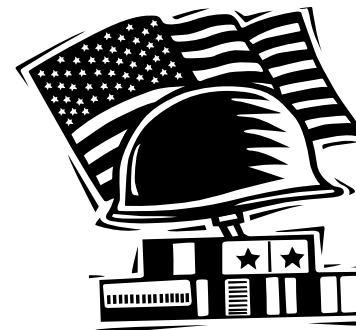
**Golf for less**

Twilight rates are in effect with green fees half priced (based on 18 hole rate). Twilight rates begin daily at 1 p.m. Great time to golf, and a great price

too!

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.

**MCCS Memorial Day**



**hours**

The following MCCS facilities will be open through Memorial Day

weekend:

The Exchange will be open May 27 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., May 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Family Restaurant will be open May 27, 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. serving breakfast and dinner from menu.

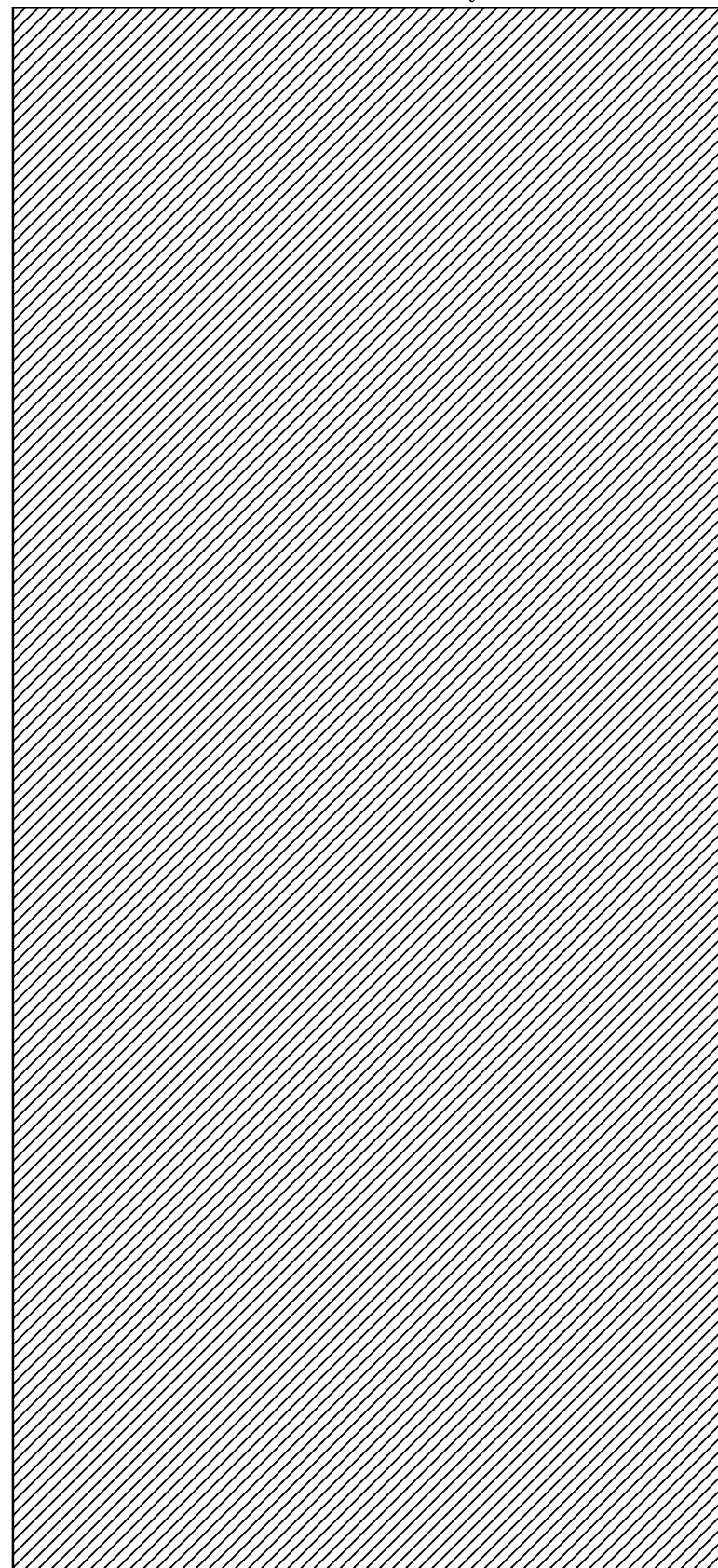
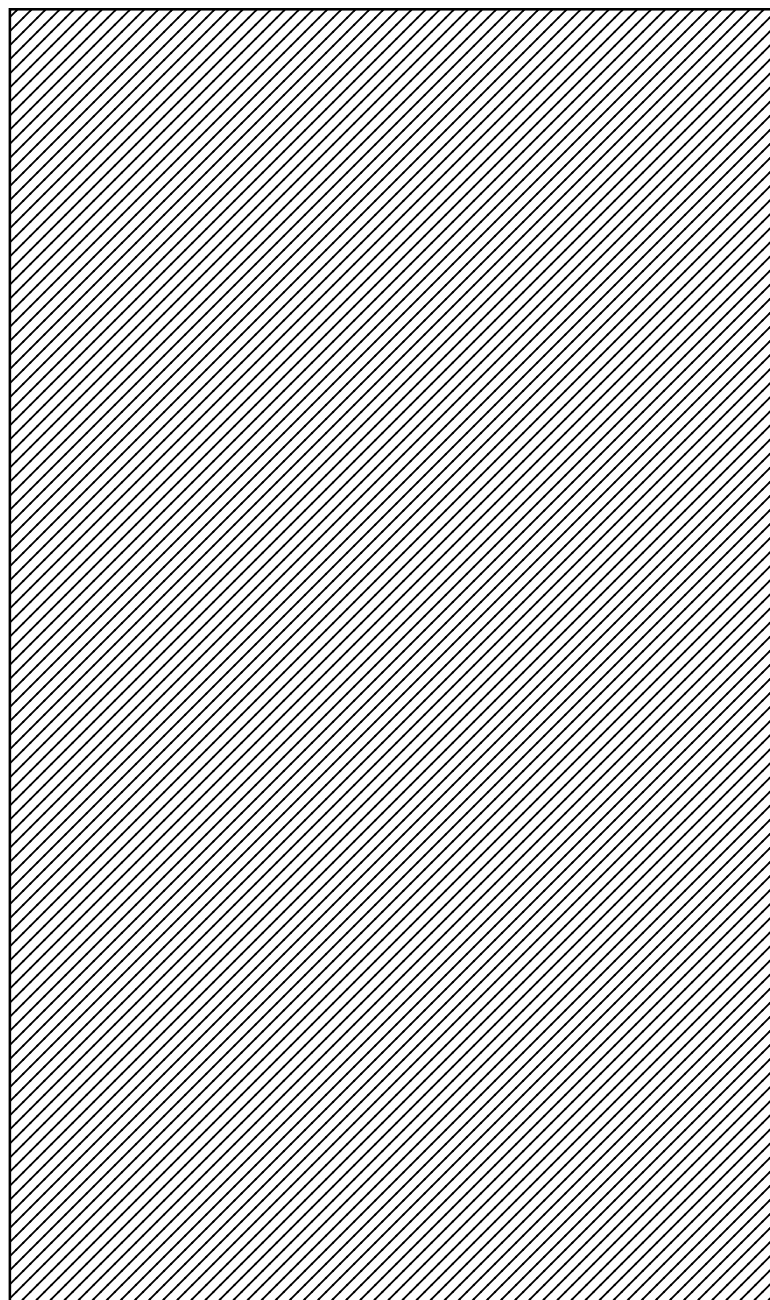
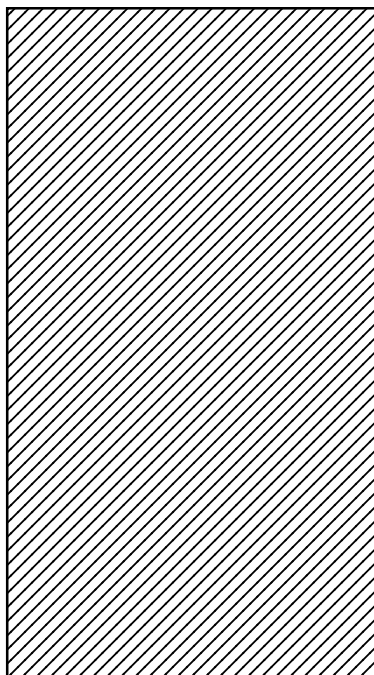
The Golf Course will be open May 27, 28 and 29 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Gym/Fitness Center will be open May 26 from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 27 and 28 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The following MCCS facilities will be closed May 29: Oasis Club, Enlisted Club, Barber Shop, Exchange Gas Station, Personal Services, Yermo Exchange, Library, IIT and the Gym/Fitness Center.

The Auto, Ceramic and Wood Hobby Shops as well as the Bowling Center will be closed May 28 and 29.

Youth Activities Center will be closed May 27, 28 and 29.



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

**1968 CHEVY 3/4 TON PICK-UP:** Heavy duty, 3 gas tanks, PS, 350 trans, chrome 16.5 spoke wheels, no engine. \$500. Call 243-1392

**1969 LINCOLN MARK III:** Classic, no smog needed, needs head gasket, \$350. Or trade? Call 252-9199 Lv msg.

**1997 FORD RANGER:** Pickup, low mileage, black, 4 cyl. 2.3 liter eng. w/4 speed manual trans. and overdrive, A/C/A M/FM cassette with CD player, sliding rear window, custom paint. Asking \$9,750 OBO. Call 252-3355 AWH and Lv msg.

**1998 FORD MUSTANG:** Going overseas, must sell, grey/tweed cloth seats, 5 speed, fuel injected, 3.8L, anti-lock brakes, A/C, w/rear window defroster, Am/FM w/cassette (Dolby sound system), separate in-dash CD player, anti-theft alarm, power door locks, windows and remote entry, 26,750 miles, new car warranty transfers with vehicle. Call 725-6804/9066 ask for CWO Smith.

**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

**ENGINE:** 84, 2.3, 5 speed trans, all smog equip. Complete with RAD. less than 50,000 miles. \$650. Call 243-1392.

**WINDOW:** Rear, sliding for F150-F250 Ford. Like new. Call 243-1392.

**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.

**SNOWBOARD EQUIPMENT:** Bindings and 10 "Rage" boots, and snowboard pants, asking \$60. Call 252-4726.

**MISC. 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.

**HOUSEHOLD AND GARAGE SALE:** Household goods and two cars. May 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 0900 hrs. 35547 South Street, Daggett, CA.

**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, serviceable cammies size large, Military lensatic compass, used red cover MCI books, will pay fair prices. Call 252-9146.

**WANTED:** Carpool to Yermo from Hesperia, 6:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call Millie at 760 948-0741.

### STALKER from Page 2

knew she stayed by herself until 6:30 every afternoon until her parents came home from work. He knew she played softball on Thursday afternoons on the school team, and the team was named the Canton Cats.

Her favorite number, seven, was printed on her jersey. He knew she was in the seventh grade at the Canton Junior High School. She had told him all this in the conversations they had on-line. He had enough information to find her now.

Shannon didn't tell her parents about the incident on the way home from the ball park that day. She didn't want them to make a scene and stop her from walking home from the softball games.

By Thursday, Shannon had forgotten about the footsteps following her. Her game was in full swing when suddenly she felt someone staring at her. It was then that the memory came back. She glanced up from her second base position to see a man watching her closely. He was leaning against the fence behind first base and he smiled when she looked at him. He didn't look scary and she quickly dismissed the fear she had felt.

After the game, he sat on a bleacher while she talked to the coach. She noticed his smile once again as she walked past him. He nodded and she smiled back. He noticed her name on the back of her shirt. He knew he had found her. Quietly, he walked a safe distance behind her. It was only a few blocks to Shannon's home, and once he saw where she lived he quickly returned to the park to get his car.

Now he had to wait. He decided to get a bite to eat until the time came to go to Shannon's house. He drove to a fast food restaurant and sat there until time to make his move.

Shannon was in her room later that evening when she heard voices in the living room. "Shannon, come here," her father called. He sounded upset and she couldn't imagine why. She went into the room to see the man from the ballpark sitting on the sofa. "Sit down," her father began, "this man has just told us a most interesting story about you."

Shannon moved cautiously to a chair across from the man. How could he tell her parents anything? She had never seen him before today!

"Do you know who I am Shannon?" The man asked.

"No", Shannon answered.

"I am a police officer and your online friend, GoTo123."

Shannon was stunned. "That's impossible! GoTo is a kid my age! He's 14 and he lives in Michigan!"

The man smiled. "I know I told you all that, but it wasn't true. You see Shannon there are people on-line who pretend to be kids; I was one of them. But while others do it to find kids and hurt them, I belong to a group of parents who do it to protect kids from predators. I came here to find you to

teach you how dangerous it is to give out too much information to people on-line. You told me enough about yourself to make it easy for me to find you. Your name, the school you went to, the name of your ball team and the position you played. The number and name on your jersey just made finding you a breeze."

Shannon was stunned. "You mean

you don't live in Michigan?"

He laughed. "No, I live in San Jose. It made you feel safe to think I was so far away, didn't it?"

She nodded.

"I had a friend whose daughter was like you. Only she wasn't as lucky. The guy found her and murdered her while she was home alone. Kids are taught

not to tell anyone when they are alone,

yet they do it all the time on-line. The wrong people trick you into giving out information a little here and there on-line. Before you know it, you have told them enough for them to find you without even realizing you have done it. I hope you've learned a lesson from this and won't do it again.

"I also want you to tell others about this so they will be safe too," he said.

"It's a promise!" That night Shannon and her dad and Mom all knelt down together and prayed.

They thanked God for protecting Shannon from what could have been a tragic situation.

Teach your children the danger of giving out information over the Internet and check up on their "web" friends once in a while.

