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## MCLB Barstow receives fourth MUC



Photo by LCpl. Cory Kelly

First Sergeant Charles J. Allen III, Headquarters Battalion First Sergeant, (left) and Col. Mark A. Costa, base commander, pin the Meritorious Unit Commendation streamer to the organizational colors at Wednesday's ceremony. A new streamer with a third star embroidered on it was attached in lieu of another streamer.

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan

BARSTOW LOG staff

MCLB Barstow added to its reputation of worldwide excellence with another pat on the back Wednesday, this time from the Department of the Navy.

The Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Richard Danzig, signed a citation in December to award MCLB

Barstow the Meritorious Unit Commendation for service between July 1996 to December 1998. The streamer with a third star had been authorized and was placed on the base's organizational colors at Wednesday's flagpole ceremony.

"Not content with simply providing requested support, MCLB Barstow led the way in creative thinking, innovative application and bold exploration

into more efficient and effective methods of base operations," reads the citation which continues on to mention that the base thrived during a period of reduced budgets and downsizing.

Colonel Mark A. Costa, base commander, added the ribbon during the ceremony, which doubled as the monthly battalion formation.

"This shows that, being the smallest base, just about, in the Marine

Corps, you can be a leader in being an installation," said Costa after the presentation of the colors.

"One of the things that we have to do whenever we gather is look to the future," said Costa. "We cannot rest on our laurels individually or collectively."

The award is not restricted to military personnel. The civilian work force is also authorized to wear the MUC.

"[The future] will be known if we set our vision and want to attain it," said Costa. "It will be unknown if we let action take us down a path we dare not tread. Let's seize the opportunity, take advantage of the great people we have. Everyone who is part of it will have just a little bit shinier of a reputation of being a Marine or civilian Marine from MCLB Barstow."

Also recognized during the ceremony were four promotees – GySgt. Bruce E. Raymond, Cpl. Joseph Sher, and LCpls. John E. Hubbard III and Robert D. Anguiano, Jr. – and three Good Conduct Medal recipients, Cpls. Spencer E. Denbo, Morad S. Alkarsh and Joseph B. Jensen.

"To the Marines promoted today, there is no learning curve," said Costa. "You must begin today, acting out every facet of that role."

MCLB, while known as the Marine Corps Supply Center, received its first MUC during the Vietnam conflict and has since earned three more.

The organizational colors, to include the newest decoration, is on display in the CO's conference room at base headquarters, Building 15.

## NCO of Quarter says 'Don't drop that pack'

By LCpl. Cory Kelly

BARSTOW LOG staff

Born Dec. 1, 1976, in Brooklyn, N.Y., this sometimes oddly energetic sergeant was the middle child in a family topping with a total of five humans and, at any given time, about four cats.

His brother, Pete, laid ground in the half-Irish/ half-German McQuillan family three years before him, and his sister, Danielle, stole the show when she was born four years after him.

Who is this man of ambient personality and unconventional wit –

which sometimes only achieves odd stares and begs misunderstanding – that has so recently taken the Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter Board.

That's right. None other than the BARSTOW LOG's own Press Chief, Sgt. Mike McQuillan.

Having been born in Brooklyn and raised in Massapequa, N.Y., he started his military career when he was in the fifth grade when Dr. John Ecker (whom he kept in contact with until he joined the Marine Corps) was his teacher.

"He never called his class 'his class'; he called it Ecker's Army. We were a

team. He used to march us down the hallway. He was my inspiration. He was always defiant, yet he always did the right thing," McQuillan said.

Up until the end of his 11th-grade year in Plainedge High School he kept himself involved in extracurricular activities, being the president of his junior class and staying active in sports. But as his senior year rolled around he lost track of what it was that once kept him going.

"I was around a lot of people who took themselves very seriously and thought they were hot [stuff]. I was

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# The Commander's Forum

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

## A/C in 573 source of many Forums

The Commander's Forum received calls about the air conditioning replacement at Building 573.

Callers questioned the judgment in the timing of the project, the delays in completing it, and the temporary cooling measured used during the unexpected heat wave during the repairs.

I commend the staff at the Maintenance Center that continued to perform their jobs even when temperatures and humidity readings were so uncomfortably high.

The air conditioning system is now operational. The project was planned to be completed by the end of April 2000.

Everyone involved in the project including the contractor performing the work did

everything possible to complete the work on time. Of course, as with any project of this size and complexity, delays and unforeseen problems are going to occur. This caused some delay.

Now that the new air conditioning system is operational, the temperature and humidity in the affected work areas should return to a more comfortable climate for the upcoming summer months.



Mark A. Costa  
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps

## So just who is authorized to gas-n-go?

**Q:** Yes, I'm retired military and I also work on the base and I've noticed ever since I've been here that non-retired military or people not on active duty are able to use the Base Service Station. It was my understanding that the Base Service Stations are for active duty and retired people. Will you please comment on that? Thank you very much.

**A:** Thank you for your comments and concerns. The Base Service Station is for active duty military, retirees, reservists, delayed entry program personnel, dependents of the aforementioned, and those on official TAD who reside on the Base. It has

also always been our policy that in cases of urgent need, if any person needs gas to get home or for directed travel related duty, that we would allow them to use the Base Service Station for that purpose. Our attendants monitor this during working hours so that no one abuses the system. After hour purchases by credit card are reviewed regularly to ensure only authorized patrons are using the service. Action can and will be taken when unauthorized use is detected. We will continue to enforce this policy and allow maximum use to our patrons. We appreciate concerned customers, such as yourself, who help to maintain the delivery of the high-quality service that you have earned.

## Nothing bad to say about base MPs

Yes, this is for the Colonel. I've just read the letter from the Yermo employee regarding your [military policemen] and their arrogance and harassment of people.

I've been in civil service for 15 years, and I'm finding it odd that I haven't run into any of this.

Could it possibly be me? Sir, please do me a favor. Do NOT try to change our MPs. They are the most respectful, courteous group of young people on board this base. I'd hate to see them changed in any way because they are a nice group of young people. Thank you, Sir.

# Everyone is getting ready for vacation

By Lt. Michael Michener  
Base Chaplain



June, July and August are peak vacation seasons. The kids are out of school for the summer so families often plan to get away for a week or two and relax. What usually happens is that families want to take in as much as they possibly can and end up wearing themselves out in the process.

Vacations can and should be fun and relaxing. They should be a time to get away from work and enjoy the family.

Having a great vacation doesn't happen by accident. Good planning and saving are essential elements for a kind of vacation that helps everyone have a great time.

You may remember the hilarious movie "Home Alone" where the family rushes off on their vacation and accidentally leaves one family member behind. The slapstick situations made the movie funny. However, you can imagine the panic a family would feel if it really happened.

When I was a young teenager, I was left behind with my

grandparents while the rest of my family went on vacation. I was left behind intentionally because my whole body was covered with poison ivy. It wasn't any fun. Normally, the whole family, those closest to you, go together on vacation. Yet, most of us often forget a very important person when we travel.

A great vacation means you include everyone close to you. If you enjoy worship each Sunday and God is an important part of your life, you may want to plan to include God in your vacation.

The Scriptures tell us that, "He will never leave us..." but we sometimes forget and end up "leaving" God behind.

A vacation is a great time to explore new churches. It doesn't need to change your loyalty to your home church. But it can afford an opportunity to experience something different. Churches love to have visitors and the regulars are usually encouraged and inspired when vacationers thought enough of their relationship with God to attend worship services while away from home. The Scriptures also remind us to "not forsake the assembling of ourselves together."

I hope you'll have a great vacation this year don't forget God on your next vacation.

Blessings,  
Chaplain Michener

## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

Sergeant Jose LealMunoz, automotive mechanic, 2nd Organic Maintenance Unit, Fleet Support Center, repairs an MEP-5 generator. The diesel-powered MEP-5 is commonly used in the field and provides electricity for up to three command post tents at once. LealMunoz reported to Barstow recently from Camp Pendleton.

### 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  
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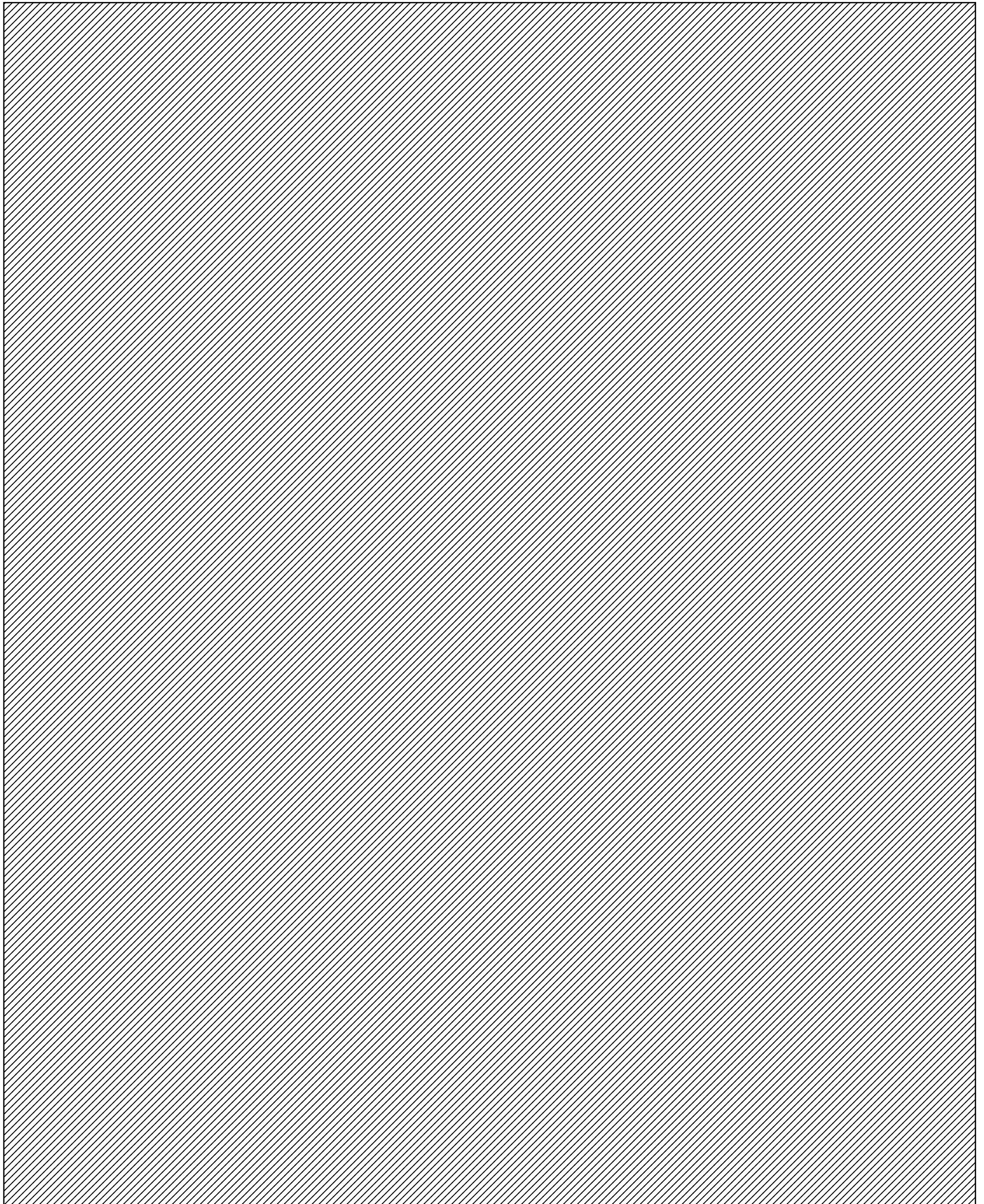
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# News Briefs

"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).

## New Parent Support Program

The next playmorning is Monday from 10-11:30 a.m. at the McKinney Center. All parents with children under six are welcome to attend. For more info call Sandra Casey at 380-4021 or 256-5751.

## Christmas in July

The 5th Annual Toys for Tots Poker Run is coming up July 22.

Start and finish line of the 100-mile loop is at the Moose Lodge #1330, 560 Victor Ave., in Barstow. Sign-in goes from 8 to 11 a.m.

Biscuits and gravy with coffee will be served for breakfast during sign-in, and a barbecue lunch for those with paid donations starts at noon.

A \$15 donation is asked for one person or \$20 for two.

Donators are also asked to give a new, unwrapped toy or an additional \$5. The run is open to all street-legal vehicles. For more info, call the Moose Lodge at 252-3810.

## Street Fair

The 2000 Route 66 Street Fair continues until August 29. Wednesday's theme is '50s Night. July 18 is Fitness Sports Night. The fair is in Old Town Barstow, between Barstow Road and

Second Avenue from 6-10 pm.

Craft and produce vendors are scheduled. Kids' entertainment include a bounce house, swing ride, kiddie train and pony rides, in addition to carnival games, a rock-climbing wall and vintage car displays.

For more info call Susan Sorensen, Barstow Chamber of Commerce, 256-8617.

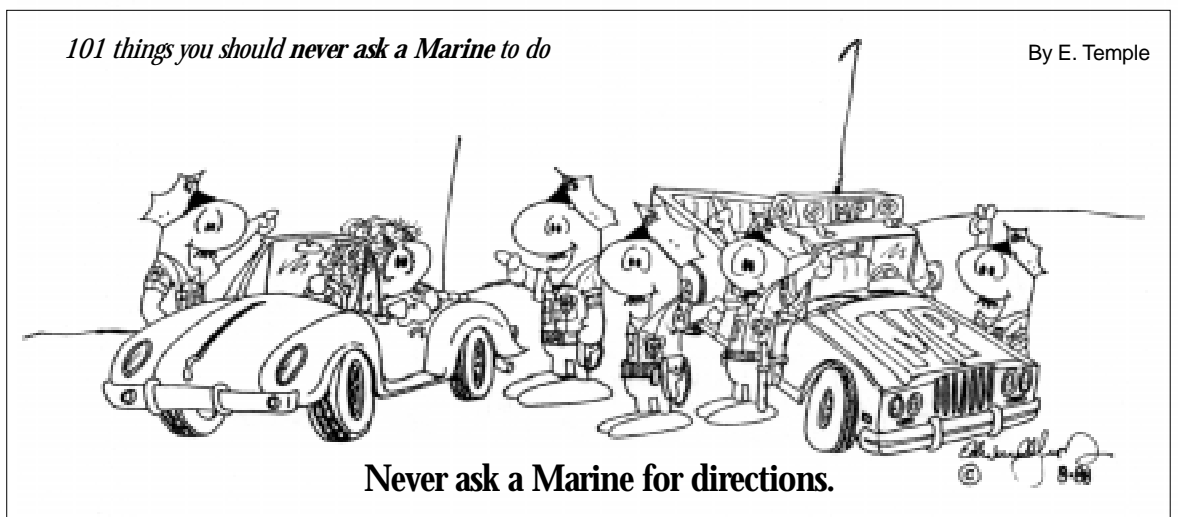
## Pre-retirement Seminar

Attention all civilian employees with at least five years of Federal service:

Mark July 26 and 27 on your calendar, and sign up for the next pre-retirement seminar. Detailed information will be presented on the retirement system, the Thrift Savings Plan, NARFE, Social Security and estate and financial planning. For more info call Donna Coppi at 577-6279, or contact your supervisor or department training coordinator.

## CWRA Getty Museum Trip

The CWRA is sponsoring a trip to the Getty Museum in Los Angeles August 12. The trip costs \$10 per person and covers transportation and the museum entrance fee. Bus leaves



Building 44 at 6:30 a.m. and stops in Victorville 7:30 a.m. for pick-up at the IHOP. Return to Building 44 by 10:30 p.m. For reservations or more info call Dan Keirn at 577-6614 or Ernie Hawkins at 577-7046.

## Online dental info

The Delta Dental Retiree Dental Program is now online at <http://www.ddpdelta.org>.

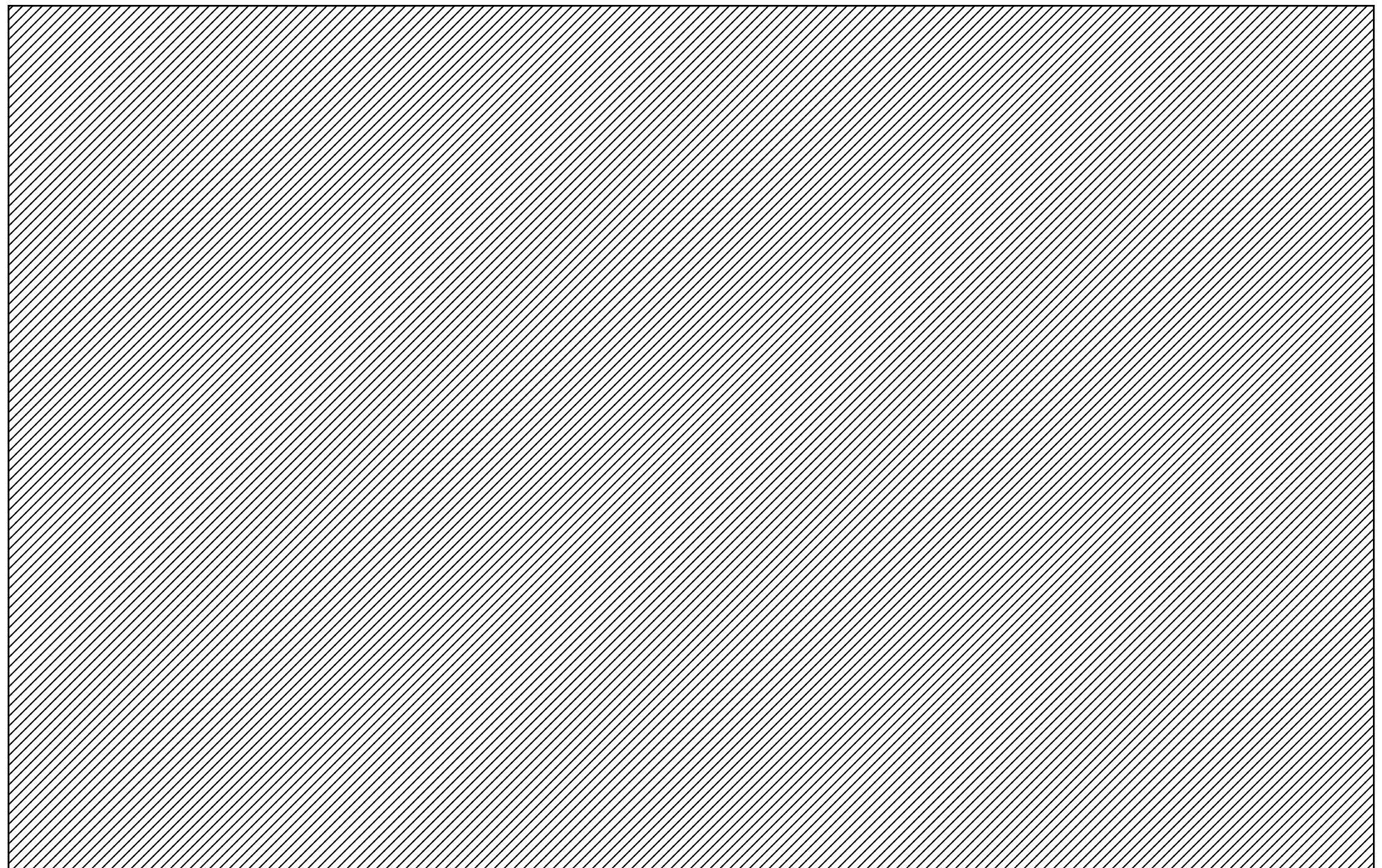
The Web site offers enrollment and premium info, a dentist directory, a downloadable dental claim form and then some. Applicants can now enroll online. Call 577-6533 for more info.

## Buy and hold U.S. Savings bonds

Bonds are indexed to inflation, so they earn at fixed rates of interest above inflation.

If you would like more information on purchasing a new Savings Bond or increasing the contribution to a current Savings Bond, contact one of the following:

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Sgt. Nicholas Alderete	HqBn	577-6841
Cpl. Mohammed Huda	FSC	577-7051
Meredith Taylor	HRO	577-6478
Marlo Koceski	Comptroller	577-6620
Patricia Biles	Fire Dept.	577-6732
Dennis Chapman	I&L	577-6399
Alejo Estampador	MC3	577-7336
Bella Nies	Base Admin.	577-6145



These days, when discussing the Maintenance Center's future, keep in mind that

# Rivers focuses on four pillars

By Sgt. Mike McQuillan

BARSTOW LOG staff

Maintenance Center Barstow operates in large volume. Its 10-acre craneway is the largest covered maintenance facility in the Department of Defense. The work force totals nearly four percent of the entire Barstow population. Together they focus on equipping U.S. forces worldwide.

Yet only one person commands the operation.

Colonel Ervin Rivers, who took the helm from Col. Joseph Martin on June 16, welcomes the challenge of equipping the Fleet Marine Force.

"It's a perfect fit for me," Rivers asserted. "To be a good logistician in the Marine Corps, you need a variety of assignments, so you work in the operating forces and the supporting establishments."

Rivers backs up such a prerequisite with a history of assignments with

Marine Corps Logistics Bases, Marine Corps Systems Command, Headquarters Marine Corps, the 11<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit and the DoD Inspector General team.

"The only piece that's missing is the industrial activity part of how we do depot equipment maintenance business in the Marine Corps," he said. "Barstow and Albany are the only places where you get that."

Rivers was slated to command the

Maintenance Center 18 months before assuming his current post. That was ample time, according to Rivers, to prepare for a smooth transition.

"The Marine Corps has a great commanders program that all prospective commanders go through," he emphasized. "A new commander always talks to those who were successful in the command that he has been slated to assume."

Colonels Martin and Rivers had spoken via telephone and in person,

outlining the future of the Maintenance Center.

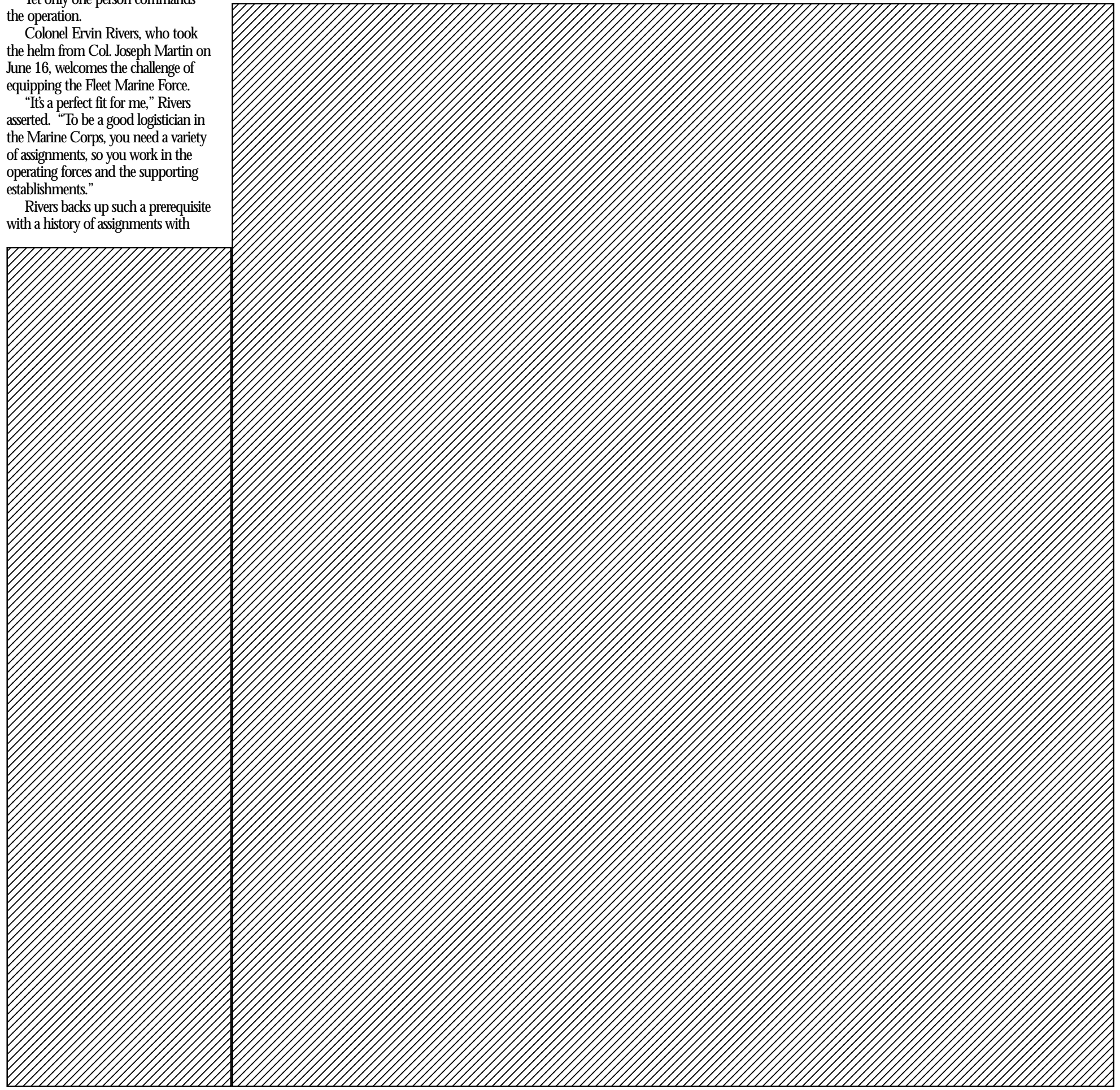
"We both agreed – never forget the mission," said Rivers. "The mission here is to improve the equipment readiness of our customers through effective, efficient and economical

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***"The mission is to improve the equipment readiness of our customers through effective, efficient and economical maintenance and business operations."***

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# PERSONAL SERVICES BULLETIN

Marine Corps Community Services – Personal Services Division

## The basics: *Why some people get in trouble with debt*

By Mary Rowland

Personal finance columnist

Why is it that some people manage to tuck money away no matter how little they make, and others are head over heels in debt on six-figure incomes?

New research shows it has more to do with their behavior patterns – and with their self-esteem – than with how much money they earn.

Researchers like Professor Tahira K. Hira at Iowa State University in Ames argue that the traditional ways of helping people deal with spiraling debt will not help change the negative behavior pattern.

“If we focus only on the financial end of it,” Hira says, “the same person will be in trouble again in five or six years.”

Hira says she approached financial counseling in the traditional way for years, emphasizing how to budget and to get out of debt. She changed her approach after working on a consulting project with the Canadian consumer bankruptcy office in 1990. That study convinced her that psychological factors were the driver for spending and saving patterns.

Hira was hired to help the agency determine why bankruptcy filings were growing so rapidly. In two weeks of exit interviews with people who had filed for bankruptcy, Hira and other interviewers focused on three things: Who are you today? What kind of experiences did you have growing up? How

do you feel about yourself?

### Bankruptcy and low self-esteem

Most of those who filed for bankruptcy had extremely low self-esteem. One or both parents were absent – either physically or emotionally – as they were growing up. Hira also studied personal bankruptcies in Scotland, Japan and the United States.

When she returned to Iowa State, Hira decided to test the results in a lab, part of an undergraduate degree program in financial counseling.

Hira developed a questionnaire to elicit personal information from these people. The same questionnaire was given to a control group of students whom she believed had a healthy attitude about money.

The students who were comfortable with money had many similarities. “They had a pleasant growing-up experience, an intact family, one parent had taken a great interest in developing the child as a person, telling them, ‘You’re beautiful, wonderful, capable, you can do it,’ “ she said.

## *Most spenders have little idea of how much their purchases really cost because they use credit cards.*

Generally, these students had had a positive money experience at a young age. “They had a role model. And

another puppy who was bruised.”

Men, on the other hand, typically got into debt by buying things for themselves. “A lot of men were paying for cars that were long gone,” Hira said. “In both cases, these people were trying to prove something to themselves.”

Among people who run into financial difficulties, 25 percent have serious problems and need psychological counseling, she said. Most of the rest simply need to face up to what led them into trouble.

Hira attributes many of the problems she sees to the wide availability of credit. For example, in the 1930s and ‘40s, “If you wanted to please a man or please yourself, you couldn’t just go out and buy a new outfit if you didn’t have money in your hand,” she said.

Most spenders have little idea of how much their purchases really cost because they use credit cards. She suggests that people go for one week paying for everything with cash.

“I have tried this experiment,” she said. “When I walk into the store with hard dollars in my hand, I just can’t spend them.”

they had an underlying value system.”

### Differences in men and women

For the people who came to the lab for financial counseling, “We noticed in the women’s cases, many were becoming attached to men who needed picking up and cleaning up,” Hira said.

“Then the man would walk away, and they would pick

***“If we focus only on the financial end of it the same person will be in trouble again in five or six years.”***

## ***We hope you’re still here***

By the time you read this, Independence Day will have come and gone, the parties and fireworks will be over, and we’ll be back to life as usual. But let’s use this as an opportunity to look at the holidays ahead and be determined to make them safe ones.

During the holidays, the percentage of drunk driving crashes typically increases. In 1998, 15,935 people were killed in alcohol-related traffic crashes, and more than one million others were injured, according to police and medical personnel reports.

The percent of alcohol-related fatalities compared to total fatalities is astounding. Despite the billboards, ads, and bumper stickers emblazoned with the familiar “Friends Don’t Let Friends Drive Drunk”, we continue to read about and experience the needless and devastating loss of life.

What can you do about it?

For starters, don’t be the one to drink and then get behind the wheel. Don’t let your friends who have been drinking do it either. Always keep enough money for a taxi, or have the number handy of someone who can give you a ride home. Report drunk drivers immediately to the police.

Do not try to stop the car.

There are several signs that a driver may be drunk:

- Wide turns.
- Straddling lanes or driving on the center line.
- Drifting or moving in a straight line at a slight angle to the roadway.
- Driving with headlights off at night.
- Appearing to be drunk (face close to the windshield, drinking in the vehicle).
- Driving below the speed limit.
- Erratic braking or stopping without cause.
- Slow response to traffic signals (sudden stop, delayed start).
- Nearly striking an object, curb, etc.
- Weaving or zig-zagging across the road.
- Driving on the wrong side of the road or completely off the roadway.
- Tailgating.
- Accelerating or decelerating rapidly.

If you would like more information about how to prevent drunk drinking or alcohol and drug abuse, please contact Personal Services at 577-6533.

## ***Checklists for Safety***

By Marisa Klavon

Health Promotion Coordinator

Monthly observances provide a means of supplying information on awareness and education on health topics, prevention of injuries and diseases, and emphasizing Quality of Life issues. Monthly observances provide a scope of issues that directly influence a healthy lifestyle to active duty personnel while on and off duty.

The July 2000 monthly Health Promotion message is Recreational Safety/Injury Prevention. Hopefully everyone has been “clicking” on the messages sent from the Base Safety Office. Base Safety used the theme, ‘101 Days of Summer’ and these important safety measures can be read through July 20 via Widest Dissemination. Each message brings a safety concern from the following topics: heat injuries, POV safety, recreation safety, sport safety, water safety, and outdoor safety.

As some Marines take leave within these 101 days of summer for vacation, they should consider the potential mishaps that can occur, especially ones that are associated with their individual recreational lifestyle. For example, if a Marine enjoys water recreation with friends and family, it would be a good idea to prepare a water

safety checklist. By using the “what if?” scenario method, a checklist can be easily prepared. Going over the checklist before reaching their destination can be the first step to avoiding a possible mishap. It also allows all individuals involved to heed caution and foresee potential danger, as well as being ready and prepared to act if something really did happen.

For the athletic Marine, especially the ones who are preparing for the Marine Corps Marathon in October, injury prevention awareness should be augmented. A checklist for intense physical training is as follows: proper footwear, paying attention to the heat index flag, use established trails/paths, warm-up and stretch, wear light colored clothing, run against traffic, high-quality nutrition, stay hydrated, and strength train specific to sport. And always remember, it’s OK to push your physical limitations, just don’t exceed them because that is when overuse and acute injuries occur.

When Marines practice safe measures balanced with risk management, whether in sport or outdoor recreation, they not only provide a safer environment, they enhance a healthier lifestyle for themselves and everyone around them. Consequently, they reduce injury and enhance their readiness for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.





Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Pat Barnes, a rigger, stands alone on top of the locomotive engine. Positioning the crane to hoist the engine takes a cautiously orchestrated team effort, keeping safety first, according to Barnes.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Dave Burcham, a rigger, directs the crane operator through a tight spot while riggers Pat Barnes and Richard Elrod tug and sway the engine into position over the rail lines.

## *I've been workin' on the railroad ...*

**By Cpl. Brian Davidson**

BARSTOW LOG staff

The Transportation Management Division sent five men on a mission to move 88,000 pounds of steel from Yermo to Nebo Wednesday morning.

"This is the first time in at least ten years a train engine has been moved from Yermo to Nebo by flatbed truck and crane," said Gerald Miles, TMD crane operator. "It certainly is the first time I have ever moved a load this heavy."

The locomotive engine is one of four locomotive engines on the installation used to transport train cars from Burlington Santa Fe rail lines to MCLB Barstow rail lines.

Currently, the Marine Corps owns a 44-ton and a 100-ton engine, while the Army owns two 120-ton engines.

It was moved to the Main Base to replace a similar 44-ton engine being transferred to Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office for sale.

Special permits to move the load had to be obtained for the crane operator and flatbed driver by the Transportation Management Division because it exceeded road transport limits, according to Don Crownover, auto and rail maintenance supervisor.

"The engine could be used to support any large movements from the East Coast or a materiel deployment should an emergency or conflict occur,"

said Tim Hutzley, TMD workleader.

According to Crownover, having the engine in Nebo fits well in commands overall plan for readiness and mobility.

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

The auto and railhead at Yermo is the largest in the Department of Defense, moving more than 30,000 cars per year, according to Crownover, making the engineers, riggers and crane operators some of the hardest workers in the business.

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turned off by that. That is when my grades first started to suffer.

"I just stopped caring as time went on. I went to school just for the purpose of being there ... no intention of doing anything. I didn't like being there, didn't like my teachers and blew off every class I went to - with a few exceptions," McQuillan said.

Rounding the end of his senior year he realized graduating with his class was becoming further and further away from being an option. In what some would call an act of fate, his parents moved to a new house in Massapequa - landing the McQuillan family in a new school zone.

"[I figured] if I stick around instead of going to college, I can live somewhere else, go to school somewhere else. Be the new kid in school and not have that reputation of who I was anymore.

"... and that's what I did," McQuillan said.

Re-enlisting for a fifth term and resting on a change of duty station, he made a change in lifestyle as he headed into what he calls his "super" senior year.

"I pulled As all the way across. I got to be myself rather than what people thought I was. I got a fresh insight toward school. You went with the same idiots year by year going to class ... all of the sudden you go as an individual to another school and get to start off on your own agenda.

"Plus that's when I knew I was going into the Marines - I had a little purpose in life," McQuillan said.

He said that before he even considered joining the Corps, "It was a fictional thing, it didn't really happen ... if it did it's so far fetched you can't even picture yourself doing it."

"The recruiter was very effective - I got to know Marines as people ... who were very motivated and driven by a cause."

During poolee functions he said he took an informal leadership role with the rest of the poolees.

"I would just kind of show up and it was like, Bam! This is where I belong," he said.

September 6, 1996, he got his first taste of where he "belonged" at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C. From there he went to the Defense Information School at Fort George G. Meade, Md. He spent seven months at DINFOS while completing the Basic Journalism and the Basic Broadcasting courses. This left him qualified in two military occupational specialties, and he headed for sunny, flavorful MCLB Barstow to finish the final three years of his enlistment.

Some would say this really is where he belongs.

"He has outstanding Marine Corps discipline, he is a physically fit Marine. You'd give him something to do and he'll run with it." SSgt. Robert Cole, administrative chief, said. "He's not always the best when it comes to field day, but he is a good Marine."

"Sergeant McQuillan's ability to field day is legendary," GySgt. Arnold Patterson, public affairs chief, said.

He failed field day quite a few times while at Barstow - leaving

him with a sore spot when the subject comes up. But his scuzz-brush skills aren't the only thing that has burned an impression on those around him.

"I would go to chow or do something for a story I was working on, and he would be leaving on a run. I would come back on base an hour and a half, some times two hours later and he'd just be getting done running," Cpl. Brian Davidson, editor, said. "I would ask him how far he went. He would tell me 14 or 16 miles and say it like it was nothing."

The avid PT junkie scored a 300 on five of his eight Physical Fitness Tests, topping it out in 21 of 24 total PFT events.

McQuillan begins terminal leave July 14. He plans to go to Massapequa, NY, to visit family and then head to Anchorage, Alaska, where he is soon to be enrolled in the University of Alaska, Anchorage working towards a bachelor of arts in economics.

Taking his title as NCO of the Quarter as he gets ready to walk out of the Corps he said, "I want to go out with a bang.

"I want to set a precedence for other sergeants. There haven't been any sergeants going up for the [NCO of the Quarter] boards; it has been nothing but corporals. I also want to set a precedence for short timers - the guys that think just because they are getting out soon they can drop their pack. They do three pull-ups during their last PFT, quit shining their boots, ironing their cammies, and cutting their hair because they are almost out.

"I want to be so wrapped up in my role as a Marine that you have to remind me that it's time to go."

# Base weapons regulations: Are you breaking the law?

By LCpl. Cory Kelly  
BARSTOW LOG staff

While serving as the Assistant Officer of the Day, Sgt. Brian Johnston, 1st Force Service Support Group, was sent to the Mexican border to retrieve two 1st FSSG Marines from the San Diego Border Shore Patrol. Johnston, wearing his camouflage utilities, drove his personal vehicle.

After inadvertently crossing into the Republic of Mexico, he was questioned by Mexican border authorities. Johnston declared he had two disassembled personal weapons in the vehicle and was held in Mexican prison for 15 days under suspicion of trying to import weapons into Mexico.

Johnston could have spent up to 12 years in a Mexican prison, luckily for him the Mexican government dropped the charges and he was released.

"You're not allowed to have weapons in Mexico ... it's simply just not allowed," Chuck Wagner, California Highway Patrol court officer, said.

There is no formal open trial for criminal cases. Trials normally take one year and bail is usually not granted, according to MCLB Barstow Base Order 1050.5. The order also states Mexican prisons are overcrowded, and sanitary conditions are significantly below the standards maintained in the United States. Which could make a trip to the

jailhouse longer and less welcoming than expected.

The United States does not have a Status of Forces agreement with Mexico, so service members visiting there are subject to all Mexican laws and procedures. This leaves service members who end up under prosecution by Mexican authorities hanging out across the border a little longer than expected.

Whether here or abroad, service members should be aware of the governing laws of where they are.

According to Cpl. Gary Smith, MCLB Barstow abides by and enforces California law on the transportation of personal weapons. On top of that, Base Order 5500.13 Chapter 5 deals with weapons handling and transportation a little tighter - leaving no room

for misinterpretation.

The only time a weapon is allowed to be transported on California roadways is when the owner of the weapon is going to or coming from hunting, pistol/rifle target practice or any other lawful activity.

BO 5500.13 limits transportation to and from authorized base recreational firing areas or officially sponsored marksmanship competitions and going to or returning from any off-base use.

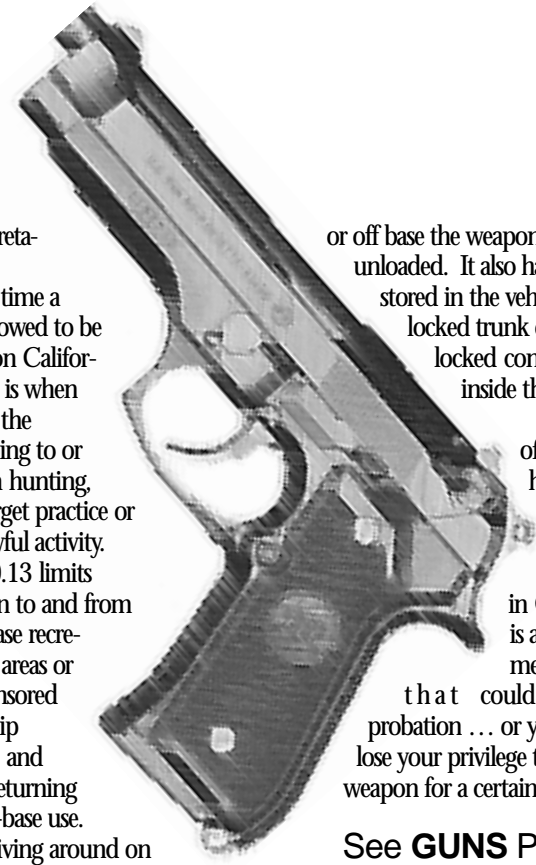
When driving around on

or off base the weapon must be unloaded. It also has to be stored in the vehicle's locked trunk or in a locked container inside the vehicle.

"The first offense having a concealed weapon

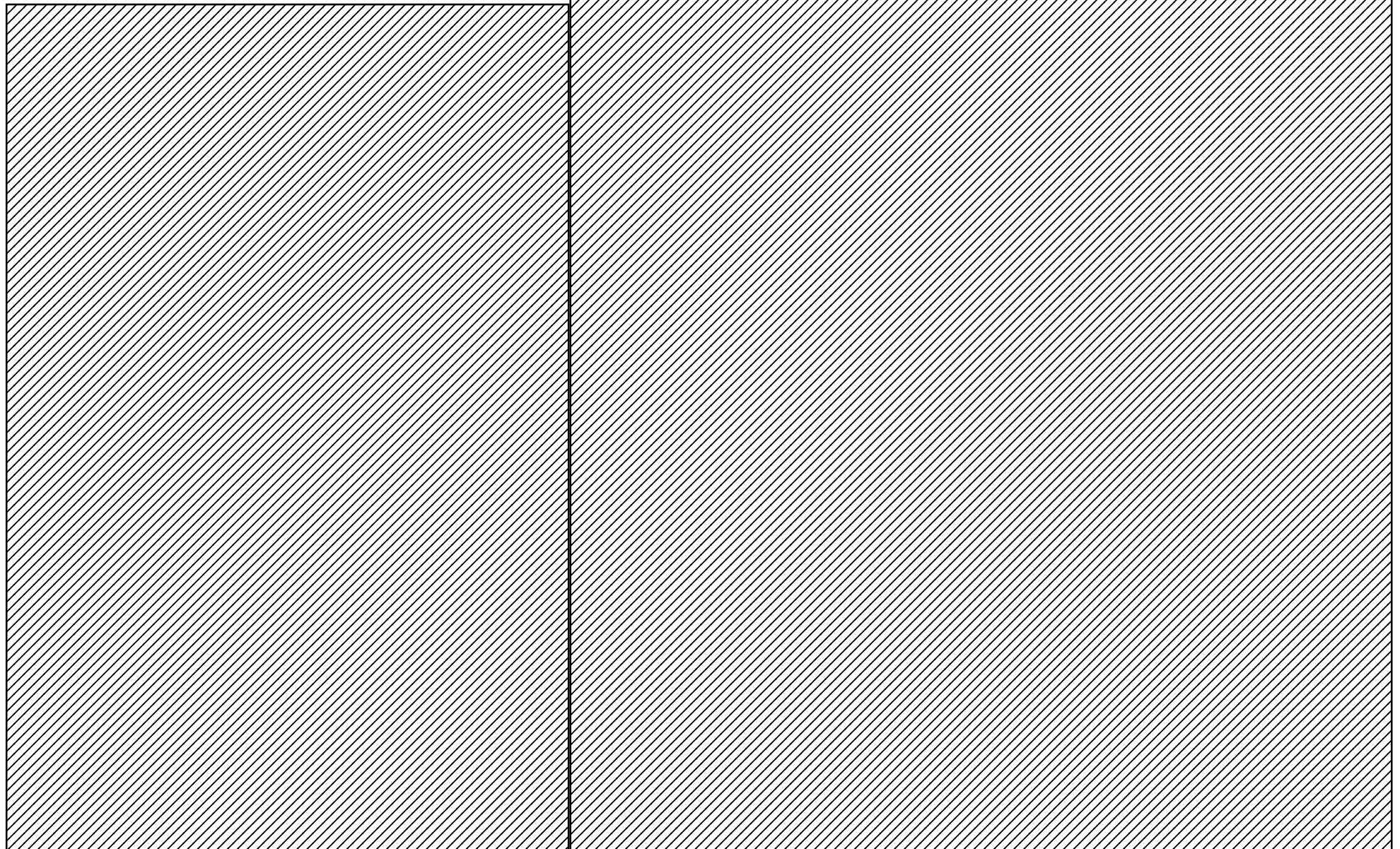
in California is a misdemeanor, and

that could land you probation ... or you could lose your privilege to own a weapon for a certain amount



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***"The first offense ... is a misdemeanor. After that ... it's considered a felony and you lose your privilege to own a weapon completely."***







**By Jim Gaines**  
MCCS Publicity

**Electronics sale at Exchange**

Save big on electronics throughout July. Check these prices:

JVC 20" TV, \$199.99.

JVC 27" TV, \$279.99.

JVC 32" TV, \$499.99.

Panasonic 35" TV w/PIP \$799.99.

Blaupunkt subwoofers 10" at \$54.99 and 12" at \$59.99.

Technique tower speakers \$149.99 per set.

RCA Lyra, the latest in MP3 technology, featuring a car adapter and 64 Mb recordable.

All above items on a limited supply basis. Shop early for best selection.

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** - Hoki fish.

**Monday** - Roast pork.

**Tuesday** - Prime rib.

**Wednesday** - Chicken Kiev.

**Thursday** - Sirloin tips with mushroom sauce.

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 offers a la carte and submarine sandwich menus for lunch.

The Cactus Cafe offers limited a la carte and submarine sandwich menus for lunch.

For more info call 577-6428 for either the Family Restaurant or the Cactus Cafe.

**Family Night Dinner menu**

**Next week** - Stuffed Ham Loaf.

Family Night dinners are served Thursday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Family Restaurant

Prices: \$4.50 adults, \$2.50 children (5 to 11 years), children 4 years and under are free.

Everyone is welcome, bring the whole family and enjoy a delicious dinner at an affordable price.

**Farmer's Market trip**

On July 29 ITT is sponsoring a trip to the world famous Farmer's Market.

There are approximately 100 merchants selling food, clothing, gift items and much more. There is something for everyone here. Do some shopping and sightseeing, and savor a variety of foods.

The cost is \$10 round trip per

person. Reservations and payment must be made by July 21. This is a very popular trip so plan ahead and sign up now.

Additionally, ITT has tickets to just about any attraction in Southern California.

One very popular attraction is Wild

Bill's Dinner Extravaganza in Buena Park, Calif. This is the place to go for an exciting evening of old-time fun, food and entertainment.

Adults and children will be amused with Old West and turn-of-the-century, nonstop action, music and comedy for two

hours. Wild Bill's features a four-course dinner of salad, stew, corn-on-the-cob, biscuits, all-you-can-eat fried chicken, pie a la mode and beer, wine or soft drink for a mere \$26 per adult and \$19 per child (3-11 years).

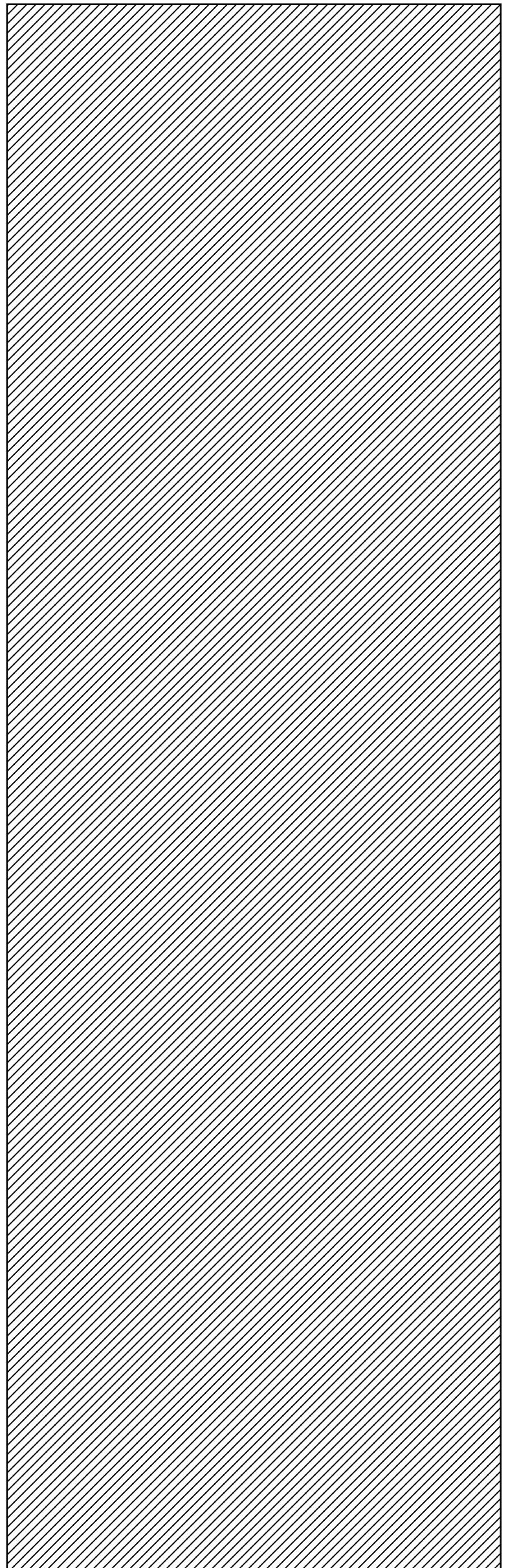
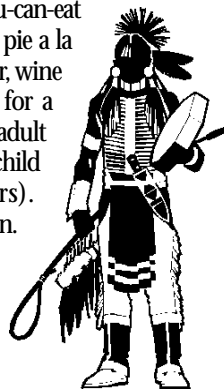
What a bargain.

Call ITT at 577-6541 for more information on the above items or any other trips or tickets.

ITT, located in the Bowling Center, is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets are available for purchase or pick up at the Bowling Center after ITT's regular business hours from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The Bowling Center's phone number is 577-6264.



**Job Watch**

Ann.#	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEA-294	Electronics Worker WG-2604-08	06/15/00	07/14/00	06/29/00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-295	Equipment Cleaner WG-7009-05 (Term NTE 366 days) GS-2005-04 (Temp NTE 1 year)	06/14/00	07/12/00	06/28/00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-366-00	Firefighter GS-0081-06	07/05/00	08/02/00	07/19/00	MCLB Barstow
OTR-083	Machinist Helper WG-3414-05 (Temp NTE 1 year)	06/15/00	07/13/00	06/29/00	MCLB Barstow

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

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

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

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

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

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maintenance and business operations." Rivers intends to focus his command around four pillars: business growth, health and wellness of the



Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

Colonel Ervin Rivers, commander, Maintenance Center Barstow, checks out an Avenger Missile Launcher System while touring CWC 735.

workforce, operations management and labor and management relations.

Rivers is the first commander to take over the Maintenance Center while under the Marine Corps Materiel Command. Having served on both sides of the fence, he understands the importance of uniting the entities of LOGBASES and SYSCOM.

"When I was at Systems Command, we had not formed that family partnership under the MATCOM umbrella," said Rivers. "We needed a tighter partnership. Now I think we have the perfect merger under the MATCOM concept."

In May of 1999, while Rivers served as the head of Advocacy Analysis LPM for Installation and Logistics Division at Headquarters Marine Corps, Barstow launched the RAM/RS project.

"I certainly saw it coming," said Rivers. "At Headquarters Marine Corps, I had an overview of the Logistics Campaign Plan."

The project, designed to upgrade the Amphibious Assault Vehicle, is currently the largest operation at the Maintenance Center.

"I inherited that one," said Rivers. "It's a good news story because we're ahead on production, ahead of schedule and below cost."

Barstow has projected a total of 133 RAM/RS vehicles to be sent to the fleet by October 1. They have already delivered 112 refurbished AAVs.

Once the vehicle is complete, the partnership with Fleet Support Center and other logistics entities ensures that MCLB serves its function properly.

"Readiness is not impacted until the customer actually gets the equipment in his hand," declared Rivers. "We can't just be concerned with the rebuild or cycle time, we need to be concerned with working with our partners and trying to get that product to the customer in the shortest time possible."

One way to ensure customer

satisfaction is through the nine Better Business Practices.

"Business practices help us challenge the status quo," he continued. "We cannot afford to be complacent. There is more risk associated with maintaining the status quo then there is pursuing thoughtful change."

The Maintenance Center publicizes its use of the nine business practices to reinforce the potential for business growth, one of his leadership pillars. According to Rivers, the Maintenance Center can't rely on the Marine Corps alone to bring business to Barstow.

"Over 90 percent of our business is with the Marine Corps. In the future years' defense plan, we see a decrease in the amount of money that the Marine Corps has for depot maintenance," he said. "We can't sit back and look at the Marine Corps as our only customer or our primary customer. To survive, the Maintenance Center must be competitive.

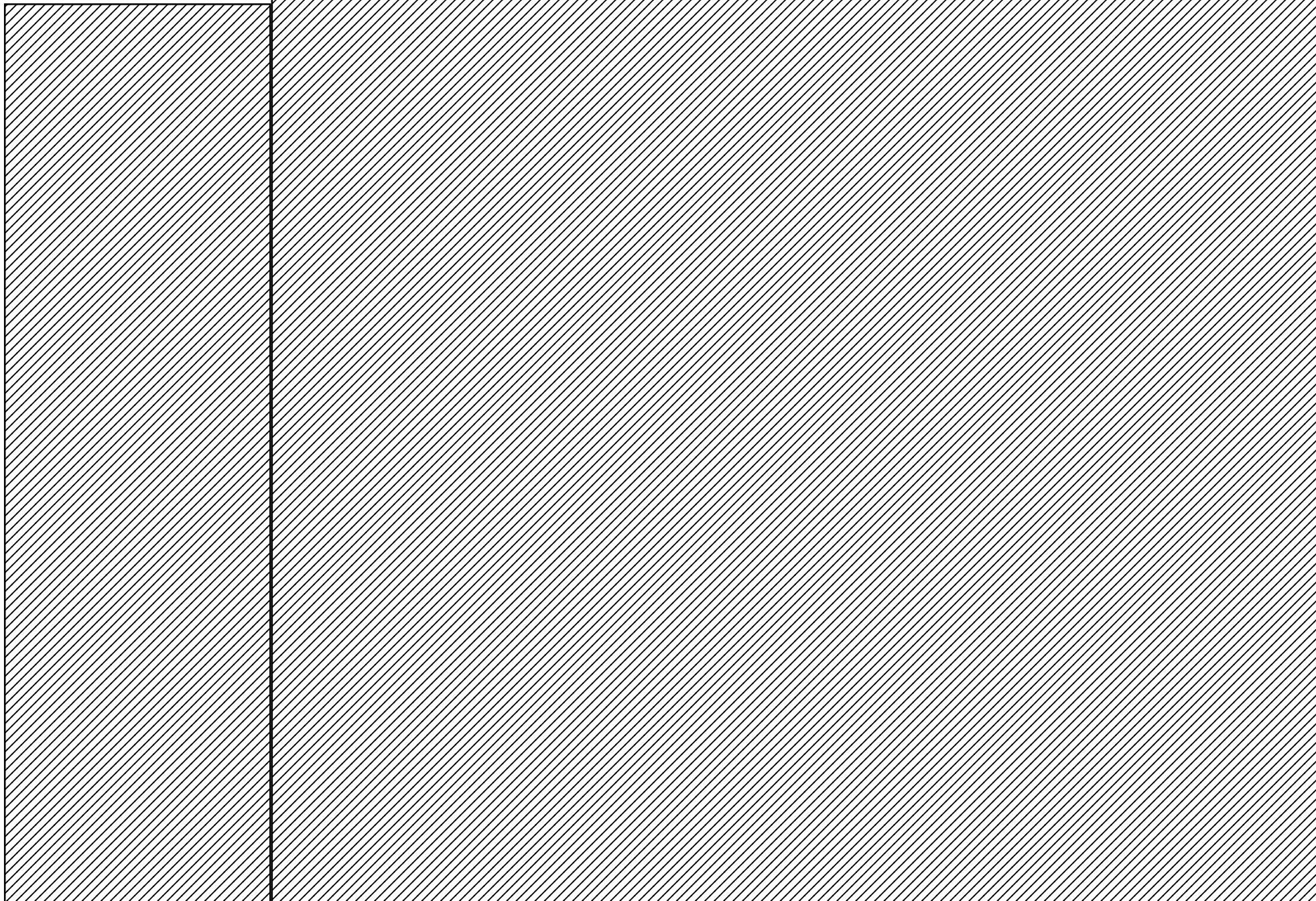
To blossom, the Maintenance center must achieve growth in its business operations."

Growth opportunities include continuation of operations to restore the Coast Guard's Paxman engine and continued maintenance work for the National Training Center at Fort Irwin.

The Maintenance Center must rely on a competent, enthusiastic workforce to accomplish its tasks. Labor and management must work together, said Rivers. It is highlighted as another pillar under his command.

"If the situation is looked at as positional, thinking 'I'm labor and your management,' then one is viewed as an adversary. This is something that is not good for the common goal. Labor and Management must be in partnership to strengthen the maintenance work force and improve equipment readiness of our customers," he said.

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**1991 TOYOTA PICK-UP:** Automatic, looks/runs good, extended cab, \$4,000. Call 256-2434.

**1988 FORD BRONCO:** 4WD, Eddie Bauer interior, AM/FM cassette, A/C, in good condition, \$3,500 OBO. Call 957-1622.

**1983 CHEVY PICK-UP:** 4 WD, 1/2-ton w/ shell, diesel, drive, \$4,000. Call 252-4847.

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

**1968 CHEVY PICK-UP:** 3/4-ton, heavy-duty suspension, three gas tanks, no engine, \$500. Call 243-1392 after 5 p.m.

**1965 FORD MUSTANG:** Must sell, 289 V-8, black w/ red interior, mint condition, collector's dream. Must see to appreciate. Call 256-0146. Ask for Jim.

**1964 BAJA:** No smog req'd, 1835 cc engine and transmission rebuilt Oct '99, dual-port headers w/heater boxes, roll cage, custom front end, off-road ready, \$1,500. Call 252-4352 after 4:30 p.m.

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

**TRUCK BED LINER:** Fits 1993 F-250 long bed, good condition. Asking \$50 OBO. Call 252-1337.

**MOBILE HOME:** Large, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,440 sq ft, very affordable, must see, Call 252-7818, Theresa, or 255-5436, Juan.

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

**FISHING BOAT:** 1972 Glaspar, double-hull, fiberglass, 14 ft, 75 HP Johnson engine, tilt trailer, fish finder and trolling motor, \$1,500. Call 253-1200.

**RASCAL:** Electric mobility scooter, Model R200 w/walker holder, brand new, never used, kept in storage, asking \$1,200; wheelbarrow, metal, \$5. Call 256-6117.

**FREE TO GOOD HOME:** Female dog, Chow mix, about 2 y/o, needs lots of love, attention, and room to run. Call 254-2192 or 254-2295.

**FREE TO GOOD HOME:** One -year-old Pit Bull/SharPei mix, good disposition. Come see at 1051 Deseret Ave, Apt 2.

**FOR SALE:** Swivel rocker-recliner chair in excellent condition, \$150; microwave cart, \$100. Call 254-2295. Lv msg.

**FURNITURE:** Black couch, love seat, arm chair, ottoman; coffee table w/end tables; kitchen table w/leaf and chairs; queen-size bed w/box spring. Price negotiable. Free delivery. Call 252-2295/380-6623. Ask for TJ/Annet.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Kenmore gas dryer, white, like new, \$125; Kenmore range hood, 36" wide, almond, clean, \$35; Eureka vacuum cleaner w/all attachments, \$35; natural wood futon, twin-size w/mattress, \$75. Call 255-3045.

**VHS VIDEO CAMERA:** Pro Edit, full-size, 12X zoom, hard case, all acces-

sories, excellent condition, \$200. Call 252-4352 after 4:30 p.m.

**DRYER:** Electric, \$35. Call 252-9199. Lv msg.

**CRAFTSMAN SAW:** 10" radial arm, \$200; full-size bed, box spring, mattress and headboard, six months old, excellent condition, \$150. Call 256-2048 AWH.

**SCROLL SAW:** Cast iron base, bench top model, works great, \$45. Call 252-4352 after 4:30 p.m.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Don't forget to stop by the Exchange Monday and wish Anna Droegemeier a Happy Birthday as she rounds the corner on the Big Four-Oh. (That's 40 years young) Oh, and tell her Joe sent you.

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As a leader of Marines, Rivers views integrity as the most important of the 14 Marine Corps leadership traits.

"You just can't be an effective leader if you don't earn the respect. Earning the respect comes from integrity," Rivers said. "You have to be able to look at yourself before you can begin to

look outward. I would, in fact, add it to the core values. It should be courage, commitment, honor and integrity."

He views Barstow as a unique opportunity as a leader.

"I look at all the Marines here, whether they're on the Nebo side or the Yermo, side as being brothers," said Rivers. "For me, it doesn't matter that there are only ten [at the

Maintenance Center], I really haven't felt too much of the 'green shock.'"

Rivers boasts one tour as commanding officer of MEU Service Support Group-11, where he deployed to the Persian Gulf. He holds his current position in an equally high regard.

"Commanding MSSG 11 was the best operational command and this is

the best supporting establishment command for a Logician. . . both have a direct impact on readiness." Rivers believes his new assignment may be a keystone for enhancing his career opportunities, yet he doesn't wish to look beyond the present tasks.

"All of my efforts will be focused on making this tour successful," said Rivers. "I'm focused on growth in the

Maintenance Center. I hope, like Col. Martin said, we can kick the can a little further down the road."

On the way to his office from the entrance to the building, Rivers walks over a floor mat displaying the inscription; "Work is dull only to those who take no pride in it."

A three-year tour in the desert will prove how deeply he takes that to heart.

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of time," Wagner said. "After that first offense, it's considered a felony and you lose your privilege to own a weapon completely."

"[On base] you can be charged with possession or concealment of an unregistered deadly weapon, that could land you in some serious hot water. . . possibly time behind bars," said LCpl. Travis Sheldon, Provost Marshal Office desk sergeant.

"Weapons found without proper registration [on base] will be seized and disposed of . . . but ultimately the Staff Judge Advocate makes the decision of whether you'd get the weapon back," said Smith.

State law also prohibits transportation of a weapon in the glove box or utility compartment of a vehicle.

"The reason behind (the law) is to keep the firearm from being immediately accessible to the driver. So if the driver gets angry or something happens he doesn't end up brandishing a weapon," Wagner said.

According to California law, a weapon is deemed 'loaded' whenever both the weapon and unexpended ammunition capable of being discharged from the weapon are in the immediate possession of the same person.

"The firearm and the ammunition should be in two separate places in the vehicle, keeping the weapon as far away from the ammo as possible," Wagner said. "The point is to keep the driver from having the opportunity to put a loaded weapon in his hand.

Each state and country has its own laws for the handling and transportation of personal weapons. Upon checking into a new unit, Marines can call PMO to determine the requirements for registering and transporting personal weapons.

Weapons that are going to be stored or used aboard base must be registered with the Pass and Identification vehicle registration unit in Building 36.

"To register a weapon here all you need is to come down and physically present the weapon and show proof of ownership," Smith said.

Bows and crossbows must also be registered, as well as any knife or sword where the blade is longer than eight inches.

For more information on the rules and regulations concerning weapons handling aboard base or more information on how to register your weapon call Pass and ID at 577-6457.

