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## Anthrax vaccination program slows down

By LCpl. Cory Kelly  
BARSTOW LOG staff

The Department of Defense announced July 11 that it is temporarily reducing the number of Anthrax inoculations to personnel due to a shortage of approved and certified vaccine.

Most of the remaining vaccine will be used to protect those people 'with boots on the ground' serving in the high threat areas of Southwest Asia and South Korea. Dr. Jarret Clinton, first assistant to the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said during a Pentagon press conference.

Clearing up the air space, Maj. Gen. Randy West, senior advisor to the deputy secretary of defense for chemical and biological protection, told reporters the DoD is trying to avoid suspending or shutting down the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program by reserving its supply for those 47,000 service members at risk in high threat areas.

"We are disappointed because we wish we were vaccinating the whole force now," West said. "We are running a year behind our planned schedule in this program."

Of the 455,378 people who have started the AVIP massing about 1.8 million shots received, some 56,725 of them have completed the six-shot procedure required for full protection. Just more than 350,000 service members now in route to full protection will hold off on their inoculations until more of the vaccine is available.

The shots are given in an 18-month program, the first three shots are given two weeks apart, and the last three shots are given six months apart, Clinton said. Then there are yearly booster shots to keep service members fully protected.

Clinton pointed out that those personnel who started the series of shots and their inoculations were deferred will only have to pick up where they left off.

He stated that if the shot sequence were deferred, it would not have an effect over the complete vaccination, making servicemembers who's vaccinations were put on hold just as protected against the chemical as those who completed the program on schedule.

If the DoD were to keep the program running at full speed it would only have enough Food and Drug Administration approved vaccine to continue its efforts for about two months.

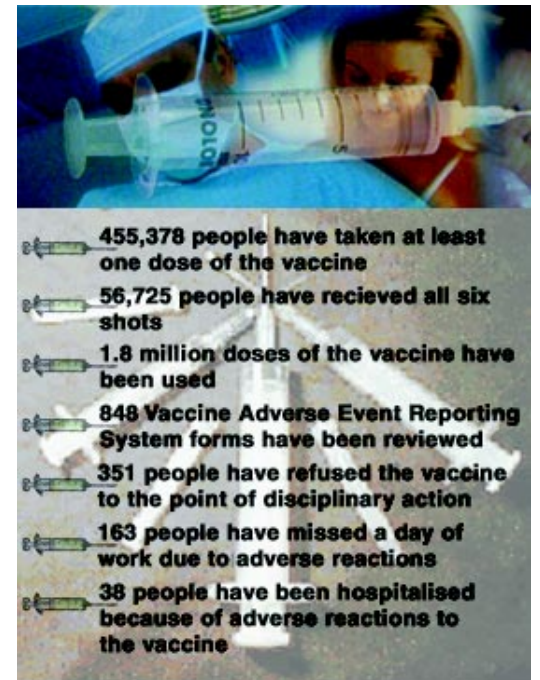


Illustration LCpl. Cory Kelly

West told reporters the DoD has about 160,000 doses of the vaccine on hand.

"That's vaccine that's already approved, certified safe and effective ... has been released by the FDA,

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## I&L prepares employees impacted by A-76 study receive training

By Cpl. Brian Davidson  
BARSTOW LOG staff



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Installation and Logistics Department employees are taking part in a stress-management and job search training program conducted by Personal Services Division -- Marine Corps Community Services Department in preparation for the department's upcoming A-76 study results.

A-76 studies are conducted to provide their customers with vital in-

formation about their businesses and the most cost-effective means to staff and manage them.

For I&L, the study's finds could determine whether or not some of the departments functions and staffing go to private contractors or remain in the hands of civil service employees. Either way, many employees are expecting manpower cutbacks to result from the Department of Defense's effort to



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

I&L employees smile at Chuck Asbrook's light-hearted anecdotes, but pay close attention to the messages they send during training Monday.

trim the fat and align with the Federal Government's ongoing downsizing currents.

The ultimate goal of the program I&L employees are attending is to prepare those employees who may be impacted by the A-76 study by providing them with training, according to LtCol. C. E. Bridgeman, director of I&L.

"I know that our jobs are on the line," Janet Wilson, an I&L quality assurance inspector said of the study.

"As a non-veteran I realize that I'm lower on the totem pole ... I plan on coming to as many of the training sessions as possible. It is very helpful and I believe it will be even more helpful as we get deeper into [the training]."

To date, employees have attended five of the 15 mandatory training sessions pertaining to topics such as stress and time management, self-as-

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# THE CO/XO'S CORNER

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

## Fair winds and following seas for base Executive Officer

Members of the Logistics Base Community, I ask that you join me in extending a hearty thank you to LtCol [Donald W.] Zautcke as he completes his tour as Base Executive Officer. As the XO for the past two years, he was at the center of many of the changes and progress achieved not only by the Base but the tenant activities. His personal involvement extended beyond the fence line and into the Barstow community. You and I were served well by this Marine Officer these past two years and for that we owe him our gratitude and best wishes for future success in his career.

One of the major duties I assigned the XO was the lead in labor/management relations. As co-chairman of the partnership council with the President of the Local 1482 and similar duties with respect to the alternate dispute resolution (ADR) process, the XO continued maturing the relationship and fostering progress with the union leadership established by his predecessor. Additionally, the XO took responsibility for representing me in hearing third-step grievances. This duty provided him another insight into the issues of the work force. Zautcke's efforts in continuing the

improvement of labor/management relationships have paid off and will continue to benefit the command and all tenant activities in the future.

As members in the local community, the Zautcke family was active in the Mount Saint Joseph's Church and key participants in the swimming season for 1999. During off-duty time, Zautcke served as the President of the Barstow Swim Association and routinely was seen as lector at mass at Saint Joseph's. His daughters were swimmers on the Barstow team and his oldest daughter graduated from Saint Joseph's School this year as their valedictorian. Sandra Zautcke, in addition to pursuing her nursing career at Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, volunteered many hours to on- and off-base activities including the Saint Joseph's Church and School.

As Zautcke and his family depart from the Logistics Base Community, it is with mixed emotions that we bid them a fond farewell. I ask that you join me in wishing them the best in their new assignment at MCAS Miramar (just down the road in San Diego). Within the year, Zautcke should be assuming command of

### Just did my job ...



a Marine wing support squadron. And once again, I ask that you add your hearty thanks to a fine Marine officer and his family who served

us all so well. God Bless, and Semper Fi.  
THE C.O. SENDS.

## A few good words... The Mystery house of Sarah

By Lt. Cmdr. Tom Cook  
MCLB Albany Chaplain

Sarah was rich. She had inherited \$20 million.

Plus she had an additional income of \$1,000 a day.

That's a lot of money any day, but it was immense in the late 1800s.

Sarah was well known. She was the belle of New Haven, Conn. No social event was complete without her presence.

No one hosted a party without inviting her.

Sarah was powerful.

Her name and money would open almost any door in America. Colleges wanted her donations.

Politicians clamored for her support. Organizations sought her endorsement. Sarah was rich. Well known. Powerful ... and miserable.

Her only daughter had died at five weeks of

age. Then her husband had passed away. She was left alone with her name, her money, her memories ... and her guilt.

Her guilt caused her to move West. She moved to San Jose, Calif. She bought an eight-room farmhouse plus 160 adjoining acres.

She hired 16 carpenters and put them to work. For the next 38 years, craftsmen labored every day, 25 hours a day, to build a mansion.

Observers were intrigued by the project. Sarah's instructions were more than eccentric ... they were eerie.

The design had a weird touch.

Each window was to have 13 panes, each wall 13 panels, each closet 13 hooks, and each chandelier 13 globes.

The floor plan was ghoulish.

Corridors snaked randomly, some leading nowhere. One door opened to a blank wall, another to a 50-foot drop.

One set of stairs led to a ceiling that had no

door. Trap doors. Secret passageways. Tunnels.

This was no retirement home for Sarah's future; it was a castle for her past. The making of this mysterious mansion only ended when Sarah died.

The completed estate sprawled over 6 acres and had six kitchens, 13 bathrooms, 40 stairways, 47 fireplaces, 52 skylights, 467 doors, 10,000 windows, 160 rooms, and a bell tower.

You ask ... Why did Sarah want such a castle? Didn't she live alone?

"Well, sort of," those acquainted with her story might answer. "There were the visitors ..." And the visitors came each night.

Legend has it that every evening at midnight, a servant would pass through the secret labyrinth that led to the bell tower.

He would ring the bell ... to summon the spirits. Sarah would then enter the "blue room," a room reserved for her and her nocturnal guests.

Together they would linger until 2 a.m., when the bell would be rung again.

Sarah would return to her quarters; the ghosts would return to their graves.

And who was "meeting" with her? Sarah maintained that it was the spirits of all the American Indians and soldiers killed on the U.S. frontier. You see, they had all been killed by bullets from the most popular rifle in America — the Winchester.

That's right, her name was Sarah Winchester, wife of the famous inventor of the Winchester rifle.

The mansion was built to confuse the spirits of those killed by the Winchester rifle, and Mrs. Winchester kept carpenters busy round the clock for 38 years (1884-1922) until her death.

What had brought millions of dollars to Sarah Winchester had brought guilt to her as well. So she spent her remaining years in a castle of regret, providing a home for the dead.

Today, you can see this poltergeist place in San Jose, if you wish. You can tour its halls and see its remains. But you don't have to go to the Winchester mansion to see what unresolved guilt can do to a human being. There are many around us who are still imprisoned by the guilt of the past.

Hearts haunted by failure are in your own neighborhood.

People plagued by pitfalls are just down the street ... or just down the hall.

Yet, there is a message of hope beyond guilt. It is a message of faith and forgiveness. It is a message that says, "Come to me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

"Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience." Hebrews 10:22

### 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).

## National Night Out 2000

The Provost Marshal's Office is participating in the National Night Out Aug. 1 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the McKinney Youth Center Complex.

NNO is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. It is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support and participation in community anti-crime programs, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations. The base has been nationally recognized for the last 11 years for its efforts within the military category.

This year's "Block Party" features displays on home and personal security, videotaping and fingerprinting of children, food, drawings, entertainment and games for people of all ages, and a visit from McGruff, the crime-fighting dog, and a mystery super hero.

For more info, call Sgt. Melvin D. Miller or Cpl. Gary W. Smith, Jr., at 577-6514.

## Pre-retirement Seminar

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

Mark Tuesday and Wednesday 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.

## Quarterly TAP Program

The base's quarterly Transition Assistance Program briefing is Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Blue Room in Bldg. 37.

Two Information/Employment teams from El Centro Border Patrol and the San Diego Police Department will be available for information concerning employment in their respective departments.

For more info call Leo Dumo, TAP coordinator, at 577-6265.

## CPR/Standard First Aid classes

Base fire department personnel are offering a basic life support class at Bldg. T-117, the Safety Classroom Trailer, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on July 31 and again on Aug. 2.

The class integrates lifesaving skills of rescue breathing, first aid for choking and CPR along with other essential basic first aid skills.

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be able to recognize the signs and symptoms of a heart attack; help someone who is choking, do the work of an unconscious person's heat and lungs until medical health arrives; and keep an injured person safe from further injury and as comfortable as possible until medical care arrives.

Classes are open to any base employee, but class size is limited to 20 people per class.

Submit requests to attend through immediate supervisor to the Division Training Coordinator.

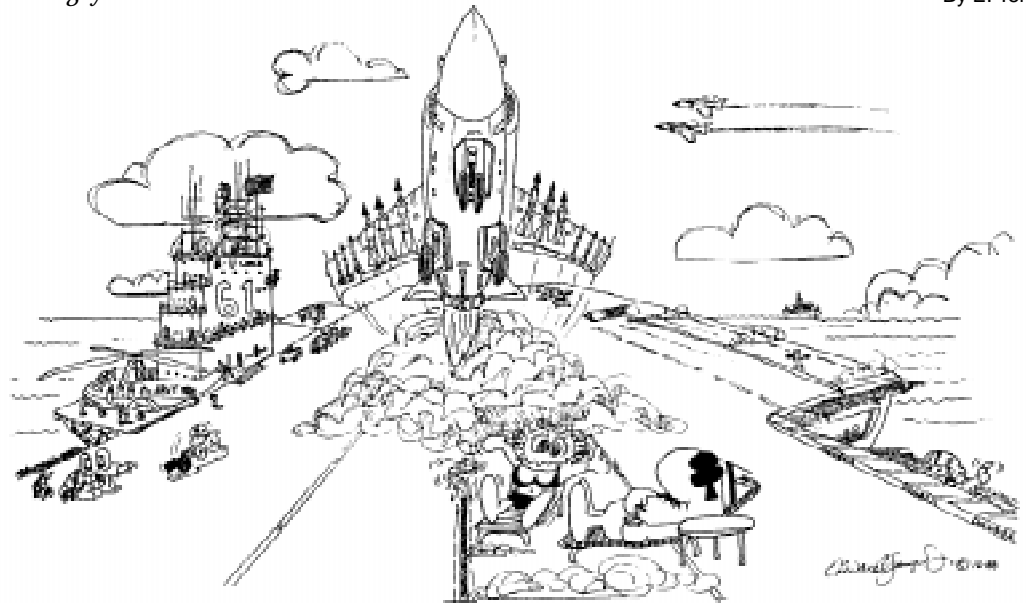
## New Parent Support Program

The next playmornings are Monday and July 31 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the McKinney Center.

All parents with children under age six are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents as well as have a place for children to play and interact with other children.

*101 things you should never ask a Marine to do*

By E. Temple



**Never ask a Marine to plan a vacation cruise.**

## Job Watch

Ann No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEA-336-00	Firefighter GS-0081-06	07-05-00	08-02-00	07-19-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-347-00	Equipment Cleaner WG-7009-05	07-10-00	07-21-00	07-14-00	MCLB Barstow
OTR-096-00	Electrical Equipment Worker WG-2854-07 (Term NTE 1 year)	07-07-00	08-03-00	07-20-00	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)

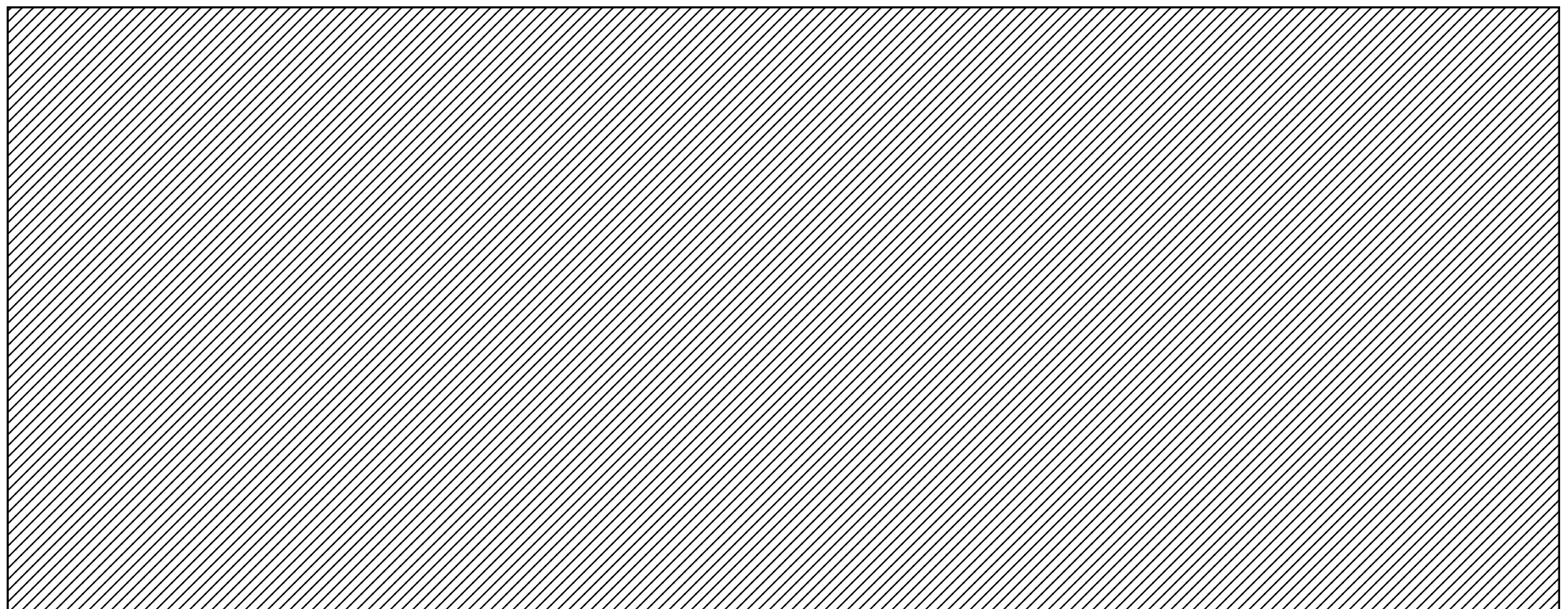
**525 B Street, Suite 600**  
**San Diego, CA 92101-4418**

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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# Commandant revises, renames U.S. Marines Reading Program

From ALMAR 026/00

Released July 14

Reading is both our link to the past, and the key to our future.

We must make time for reading – much as we do for physical training. It is not enough though, to simply read alone – we must read and discuss. On mess decks, around sand tables, at happy hour, in first sergeants' offices and commanding general's homes – we must read and discuss as teachers and scholars.

To create a sense of personal ownership of our reading program by each Marine, I have renamed the "U.S. Marine Reading Program" – what was previously called the "Commandant's Reading List." I have also named the "U.S. Marine Reading List" "Strength of the Pack ... Strength of the Wolf." I reemphasize the power of that metaphor as our guiding theme for reading and discussing.

The U.S. Marine Reading List contains those classics to be read by all Marines as they serve our nation. It is a living list that I shall update as necessary based on recommendations made by the Marine Reading Board at Marine Corps University. The current list may be accessed over the Internet at <http://www.usmc.mil/reading/readinglist.htm>. All reference to reading by grade has been removed from the list. I want Marines to freely read selections from the entire list based on their own personal interests and local commander's guidance.

The list is divided into sections by general topic. Within each section, foundation books are listed first, with more advanced books toward the end of the list. Marines should read and discuss books from all sections.

To make room for new works, the following titles have been deleted from the U.S. Marine Reading List:

"The U.S. Marine Corps and Defense Unification" by Gordon Keisler

"One Hundred Years of Seapower" by George Baer

"Rise and Fall of British Naval Mastery" by Paul Kennedy

"Reminiscences" by Douglas MacArthur

The following titles have been added to the U.S. Marine Reading List:

"The Declaration of Independence" by Thomas Jefferson

"Gates of Fire" by Steven Pressfield

"Tip of the Spear" by Sgt. C.J. Michaels, U.S. Marine Corps

"A Marine named Mitch" by Col. Mitchell

Paige, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)

"Phase Line Green: The Battle for Hue, 1968" by Nicholas Warr

"Citizen Soldiers" by Stephen E. Ambrose

"Breakout" by Martin Russ

"Blackhawk Down" by Mark Bowden

"Devil Dogs: Fighting Marines of World

War I" by George B. Clark

"Three War Marine" by Col. Francis Fox

Parry, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)

"Utmost Savagery" by Col. J.H. Alexander, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)

"Clashes: Air Combat over North Vietnam, 1965-1972" by Marshall L. Michel III

"Guns, Germs and Steel" by Jared Diamond

"Dereliction of Duty" by H.R. McMaster

I encourage Marines to make nominations of books they've read by sending a short review to the President, Marine Corps University, 2076 South Street, Quantico, Va. 22134.

Electronic nominations may be made through the U.S. Marine Reading Program Web site noted above.

The Current Issues Reading List is replaced by the War Room Report of our Strategic Initiatives Group at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps. All Marines should actively read current issues of their own choosing and as directed by their commands. Gather the most current information so as to increase your knowledge and understanding of world affairs. Follow the example of platoon sergeant Mitch Paige "A Marine named Mitch" in understanding current issues that impact us directly in our worldwide service.

Reporting Seniors are encouraged to use fitness report counseling as an opportunity to discuss reading and to give appropriate credit to Marines in the intellect and wisdom justification section.

To further encourage Marines to read actively, I have asked the President of the Marine Corps University to coordinate with the American Council on Education to establish recommended college credit for reading and discussion of title on our reading list. Details of this initiative will be announced

by separate correspondence.

In place of the "Commandant's Choice" I have established the "Commandant's Favorites" – a selection of works which frame my own personal reading experiences. I have divided my favorites into two groups. The first five are the eternal bedrock foundation of my thought; these will change during my commandancy. The second five are my current favorites that will update periodically. If you wish to learn how I think; what has influenced me most; I recommend these works:

Commandant's Bedrock Foundation:

"Bright Shining Lie" by Neil Sheehan

"Gods of War" by John Toland

"Battle Cry" by Leon Uris

"Cigars, Whiskey and Winning" by Al Kaltman

"The Forgotten Soldier" by Guy Sajer

Commandant's Current Favorites:

"Gates of Fire" by Steven Pressfield

"Citizen Soldiers" by Stephen Ambrose

"My American Journey" by Gen. Colin Powell, U.S. Army, (Ret.)

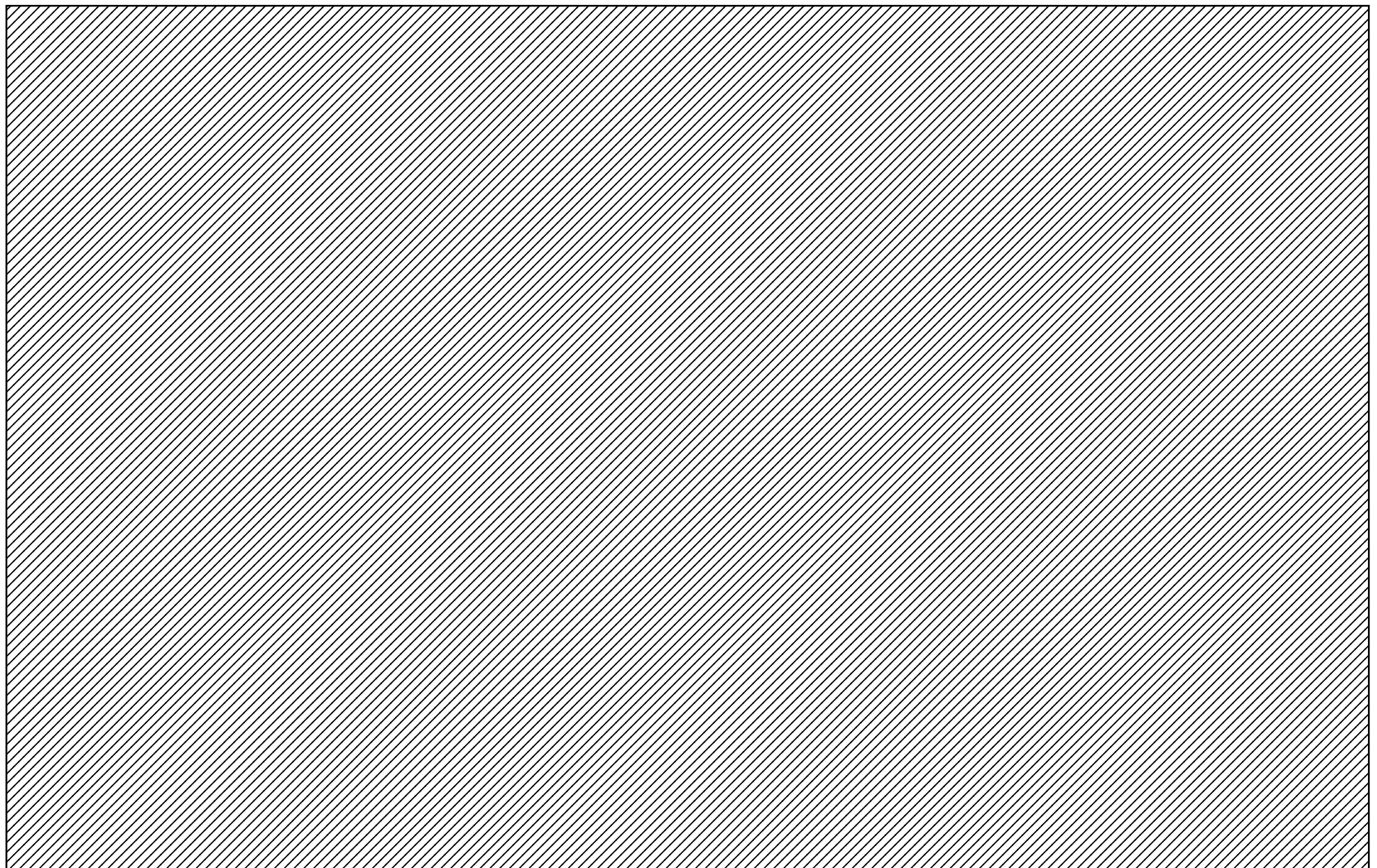
"Breakout" by Martin Russ

"Blackhawk Down" by Mark Bowden

"Marines of Autumn" by James Brady

I encourage all Marines to continue their search of knowledge. Actively use your time in service to prepare yourselves not only for your next battle but also for the rest of your lives. Share what you learn by discussing your reading with your fellow Marines.

Be better prepared to make your next decision.



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and is either in one of our clinics, ready to be used, or is in storage at BioPort ready to be shipped.

"The usage rate per month has been running about 75,000 [doses]," West said. "We would reduce that to a number that would be around 14,000 a month."

After cutting the number doses of the vaccine to DoD personnel to less than one fifth of its usual usage, West estimated, "We have enough vaccine to last us six to ten months."

We determined that vaccination is the safest, most reliable way to protect our service members from a potential threat that is 99 percent lethal to unprotected, untreated individuals."

Cohen stressed the DoD will resume the Anthrax vaccinations as soon as a sufficient supply of FDA-approved and certified 'safe and effective' vaccine is available.

A request for a second supplier of the vaccine was published in the July 3 Commerce Business Daily.

"By having a second source, we can have greater confidence and comfort that a sufficient supply of safe and ef-

fective vaccine will be available," Cohen said.

The DoD's sole contractor of the vaccine, BioPort of Lansing, Mi., has not yet received its licensing from the FDA, and until their facility gets re-certified for production of the vaccine, no new batches of the vaccine will become available.

"[Getting FDA certified] is a very rigorous and very defined process," West continued. "And the standards are tougher today than they have ever been. BioPort is not the only corporation or vaccine producer that's having problems with that right now.

"That's why we want it. We don't want to use any vaccine that we can't place total confidence in," he said.

There are currently five batches of the vaccine waiting to be FDA-approved and certified.

West said, "The lots that are available have already been tested for safety, purity and sterility. We know these parts are good. When you do these tests, if a lot of vaccine is tested and does not pass the test two times it's removed from consideration for use. We do not know for certain that the potency part is good, and we can't test that without putting the vaccine at risk

of having an invalid determination."

Although there are questions about how soon BioPort will be ready for FDA approval, West said the Anthrax vaccination program is expected to be back on track by the end of the year.

Almost 15 percent of the 245 Marines stationed at MCLB are currently involved in the AVIP and are regularly receiving their scheduled shots at the Branch Medical Clinic.

"Right now we are still giving the shots," HM2 Dezeree Thomas, medical clinic administrative clerk, said. "Officially, we have not yet been told to stop the program."

**"We have enough of the vaccine to last us six to ten months."**

Maj.Gen. Randy West

William Cohen, secretary of defense, told reporters, "... in making the decision to protect our service members against Anthrax, we put safety first.



# MAINTENANCE CENTER BARSTOW

Commander's Corner

## 'It's a great time to be a Marine Corps logistician'

Senior logisticians discuss the state of logistics in the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton breakfast

By Col. E. Rivers  
Commander

On July 10, 2000, I had the pleasure of attending a Senior Logistics Officer breakfast at Camp Pendleton sponsored by the Commanding General, 1st FSSG.

The guest of honor was Lieutenant General Gary S. McKissock, Deputy CMC for Installations and Logistics, Headquarters Marine Corps.

The purpose of the breakfast was to bring together senior logisticians in the Southern California area for an informal "State of Logistics in the Corps" discussion. Bottom line: It's a great time to be a Marine Corps logistician. We have come far. Some of our more challenging work is before us, but we have the talent, leadership, skill, and commitment to get there.

The General spoke on a variety of issues, but he hit home when he framed the state of logistics this way: Prior to the Gulf War, we concentrated our efforts on such things as mass, fill rates, and who could get there with the most stuff. It wasn't altogether a bad approach for past times, but the future called for a better way. After the Gulf War, we searched for improvements and began to ask questions targeted more at how to improve

equipment readiness. We sought different measurements of our existing processes and we began to look at how we could improve our existing processes to make them more efficient. He said that taking this approach has been beneficial, but it is not the complete answer. Still searching for a better answer, we now find ourselves facing the difficult challenge of developing different processes required to ensure we are making the most of our scarce resources. He used a familiar football analogy to bring his point home and said that we are now at the seven-yard line working to put the ball into the end zone. Now, as any football fan will tell you, this is when the going really gets tough!

I took from his comments that the bright side of this position is that we've come 93 yards and we have the talent, energy, and will to take the ball in to the end zone. Programs like our partnership with Penn State to educate and train our Logisticians will help. Initiatives like the Integrated Logistics Capability designed to help re-engineer logistics processes will light much of the way and our talented work force will take us the rest of the way.

The General concluded his remarks much like he began with a focus on people and the need for inclusion. He said the Commandant considers the supporting establishment, repre-

sented by commands such as MCLB Barstow and Maintenance Center Barstow, as the fifth element of the Marine Air Ground Task Force and, therefore, critical to our success on the battle field. He also reiterated that the Marine Corps will never give up its expeditionary logistics capability.

As each of us strives to accomplish the mission to improve the equipment readiness of all of our customers through effective, efficient, and economical maintenance and business operations, we can take pride in knowing that we will get in to the end zone! Let's continue to develop new ways to satisfy our customers and become the maintenance provider of choice located west of the Mississippi.



### Commander's Safety Policy Statement

Ensuring the safety and health of our personnel, our most valuable and precious resource, is an integral part of our mission and a fundamental responsibility of each member of the Maintenance Center Barstow (MCB). All must be involved from the top level to the shop level.

MCB's continued success hinges on our commitment to an active, comprehensive and effective occupational safety and health program. We must actively ensure that we incorporate safety and health principles into our daily decision-making processes and work habits.

An effective, successful safety and health program depends on the sincere and constant cooperative efforts of all managers, supervisors and employees. No task is so important and no order so urgent that we cannot take-time to perform our work safely.

**E. Rivers**  
Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commander

### AAV RAM/RS Update:

Maintenance Center Barstow has inducted 164 vehicles since the program began in accordance with the integrated program schedule. Barstow has completed 112 vehicles, and has completed nine vehicles for the month of June.

Barstow is ahead of schedule by three vehicles and below cost.

### MCB trains 2nd LAR Marines

By Beverly Kulju  
Heavy Mobile Equipment Business Center

During the June 5-9, two Marines from 2nd Light Amphibious Reconnaissance Battalion, Camp Lejeune, traveled to Maintenance Center Barstow for training on how we process the M242 Chain Gun, which is used on the LAV-25. Their unit is trying to improve the quality of their gun work.

We received the following e-mail of appreciation:

Mr. VanDyke,

I wanted to express my appreciation for the help that yourself, and the rest of the Civilian/Marine team at Barstow recently provided to SSgt. Mondragon and LCpl. Bostock concerning the testing of the feeder assembly for the M242 Chain Gun.

The information and knowledge you provided will enable us (2d Maint Bn) to better support the war fighters of II MEF by identifying and correcting needed maintenance.

Having the capability to test the assembly will not only save money, but will get the gear back into the hands of the user faster and more efficiently. Again, thanks for the outstanding support.

Sincerely,  
Capt. W. M. Simons  
Commanding Officer  
Ordnance Maintenance Company  
2d Maintenance Battalion, 2d FSSG

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assessment and career decisions. Each one-hour training session is presented in a multi-media format and incorporates class participation.

Special training and information sessions about high interest subjects outside PSD's scope of knowledge are addressed in 'breakout sessions' by subject matter experts as the need arises, according to William Boxx, Personal Services director.

"Human Resource Office issues, finance and retirement are examples of breakout session topics planned," said Chuck Ashbrook, Personal Services Division career resource center program manager.

"Gunnery Sergeant [Michael] Claudio's session on financial planning was very well received for example," he said.

"We are trying to accumulate and utilize every possible service that is available for these people to prepare them for what may lie ahead," he added.

But the training doesn't end there.

"To get the most out of it they have to do the book work," Ashbrook said of the multi-faceted training program. Each session has accompanying tasks in the program workbook. That takes an individual effort.

"My wish is that everyone attending would pay attention and take this training seriously because it will benefit you eventually," said Jerry Enaligo, an I&L maintenance mechanic electrician.

"To get the maximum benefit from the training, the attendees have to put in the effort and work. They have to recognize the changing work conditions that civil service employees are under and prepare themselves for those changes," said Ashbrook.

"Training employees can be a costly endeavor. You invest time, funds and means, making the employee an asset and an investment," said Veda

Davis, a branch manager with S. B. Phillips Staffing.

Speaking on behalf of the leadership involved in the decision to provide the training program Bridgeman said, "The cost of the training we are giving our employees is irrelevant. We are going to spend whatever it takes to get them what they need."

Ashbrook believes the training I&L employees are receiving is more in-depth than training taking place on other installations undergoing A-76 studies.

"The depth of training and services that we are providing to these employees is unequalled," stated Ashbrook with an air of confidence.

Also, "I think what PSD is providing is nothing more than a demonstration of this command's dedication to their employees," he said. "No one else on any other installation is getting this type of help, on this level.

"Still, not all of the participants want to be here – because they don't see a need for it."

Though some may not see a need for the training, others, like Wilson, do.

"I have to do something and do it fast. I don't want to wait until the last minute – procrastinating like [Chuck Ashbrook] said some people have done in the past," noted Wilson, an I&L employee of 20-years.

"This training tells us that the command is trying to help us be prepared, especially after the steep cutbacks in personnel positions at the Defense Logistics Agency," she added.

While, Installation and Logistics' A-76 study is drawing to a close and the results are anxiously anticipated, leadership has placed the lead emphasis on preparing the workforce to be competitive regardless of what lies ahead.

"Let us show them that if we are treated the same way, given the same rules and play on the same level field, we are good. We will produce, and we will win the competition." Col. Mark A. Costa, base commander, said of the study.

# PMI of a different sort

By LCpl. Cory Kelly

BARSTOW LOG staff

The next session of the Military Academic Skills Program is scheduled to be held July 31 through Aug. 26 in Building 302's conference room.

The MASP is an on-duty, four-week instructional course covering mathematics, English, writing and communication skills open to all active duty Marines with an Armed Forces classification test general topic score of 99 or below.

The course is also available to family members on a 'seat available' basis, according to Belinda Jones, MASP coordinator.

"We've had wives take the course who are either getting ready to take their [General Education Diploma test] or just trying to brush up on some English and Math skills," Jones said. "We keep it open [to family members] as long as there is enough room for them."

Classes are taught over the Marine Corps Satellite Education Network.

The educational enhancement program is designed to improve the competencies of active duty service members in academic skills and help them function at a higher level on the job. It also acts as a refresher course for anyone looking to re-take the ASVAB.

With the help of Video-Tele Conferencing, the instructor can stay at Henderson Hall and not have to travel cross-country to teach the course. The MCSEN program places MCLB Marines in a classroom with Marines from all over the West Coast through the use of cameras and tele-

## MASP goes online

In keeping with tradition, MCLB Barstow is acting as a melting pot for new Marine Corps programs. The command is now taking part in a 'pilot' version of the Military Academic Skills Program Online.

Marines who would like to enroll in the four week MASP delivered over Marine Corps Satellite Education Network, but cannot afford to spend the working day in classes, can enroll in the online version of the class.

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visions.

"This is the third year the Marine Corps has been running this program," Rich Johnston, base education officer, said.

Johnston said, "Marines who go through this course usually improve two or three grade levels in Math and reading.

Putting in plain words how the program helps improve overall performance in and out of the shop, Johnston said, "[The course] raises [self] esteem and gives supervisors a more qualified Marine to work with."

One Marine who recently completed the course said it did a lot for him.

"It helped me expand on a lot of things I already know," LCpl. James Rogers, military policeman said.

Rogers explained that the course helped to

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## Fair winds and following seas

SSgt. Larry Lewis, accompanied by his son, Kevin, relishes his just rewards received moments earlier at his retirement ceremony. Lewis concluded his Marine Corps career as the base's alcohol and substance abuse counselor. Lewis said that he is looking forward to a new career in the civilian sector as an educator and coach in the public school system.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson



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(ABOVE) Maj. Leonard Miller and his wife, Joan, receive awards from Col. Mark A. Costa, base commander, during Miller's retirement ceremony for their years of good and faithful service to the Corps. Members of the Provost Marshal Office and the MCLB Fire Department were on hand to bid the retiring Provost Marshal farewell.

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improve his skills in mathematics and become more efficient in reading.

He also said the course helped him set his foot in the right direction.

"It got me motivated to go to college," said Rogers, who is trying to earn a commission through the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program.

The MASP classes are held four days a week, Mondays through Thursdays, and take up most of the working day.

Classes begin at 9 a.m., break for chow at noon, begin again at 1 p.m. and run until 4 p.m. each day.

For Marines enrolled in the course, the classroom is their official place of duty, similar to Temporary Additional Duty, according to Johnston.

"I have enrollment forms that have to be filled out and signed by the Marine's supervisor, so that I know they are allowed to attend the course," Johnston said.

The course is divided into two portions: English and Math.

The English and reading skills portion of the class takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays, and the Math portion runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Servicemembers can sign up for both portions of the class or enroll in only one of the subjects.

For all those out there thinking about taking the class, Johnston says don't think, "... just come on down and I'll sign you up."

For more information about the MASP program call Rich Johnston, base education officer, at 577-6188 or stop by his office in Building 302.

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The pilot program is open all active duty Marines with an Armed Forces classification test general topics score of 99 or below.

"The biggest problem we have with the [MASP via MCSEN] is people not being able to get away from their duties," said Ms. Belinda Jones, MASP coordinator.

Jones's revamping of the MASP allows Marines to take the course when they have the time to spare.

"You download the materials, complete the assignments and send them back," Rich Johnston, base education officer said.

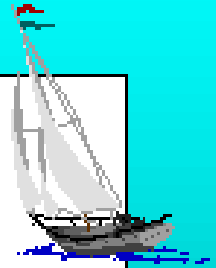
"It is a lot easier than going to class ... as long as Marines have access to a computer I think this will be a great program," said LCpl. James Rogers, military policeman who recently completed the course via MCSEN.

# Summer Safety

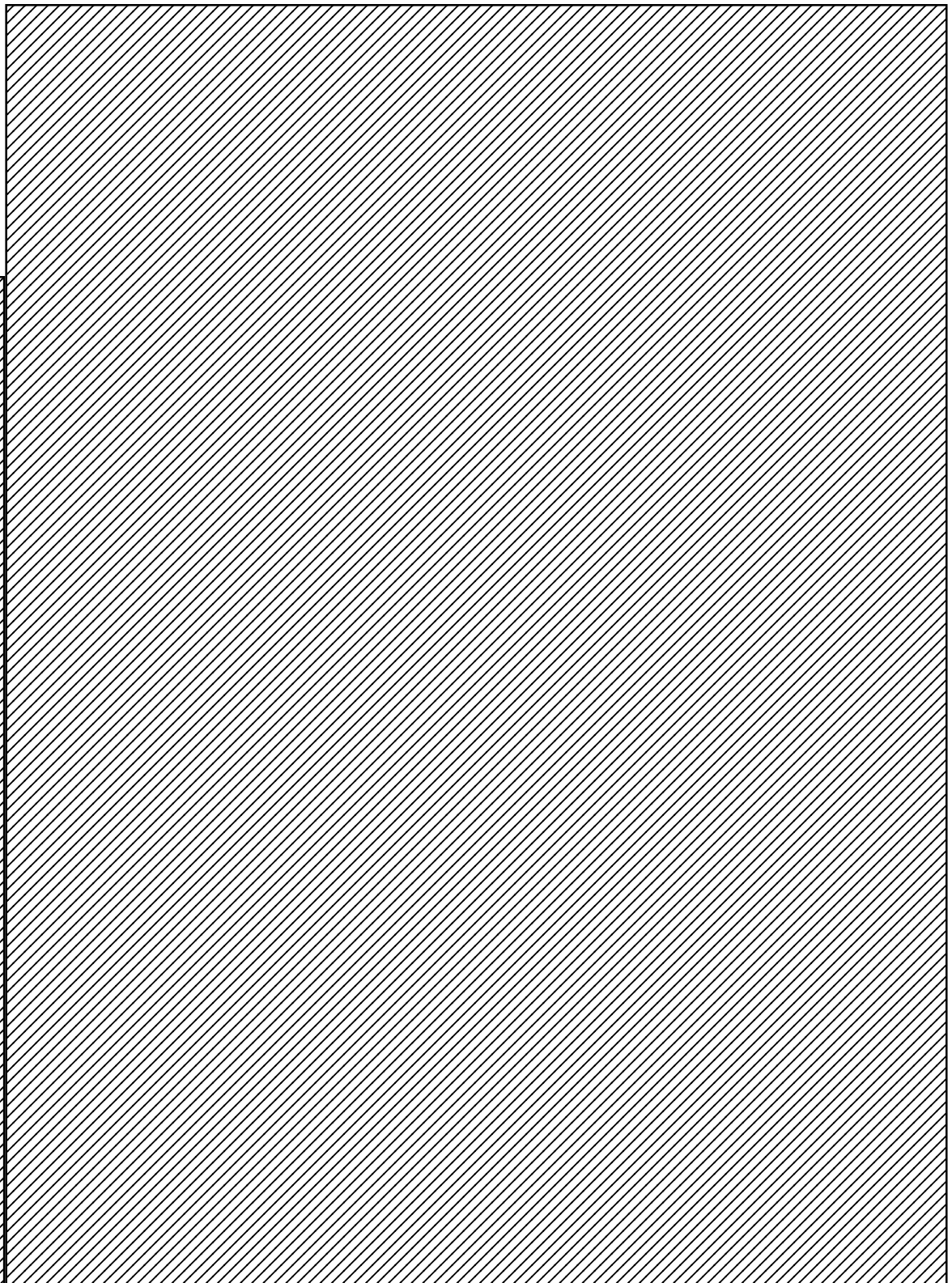
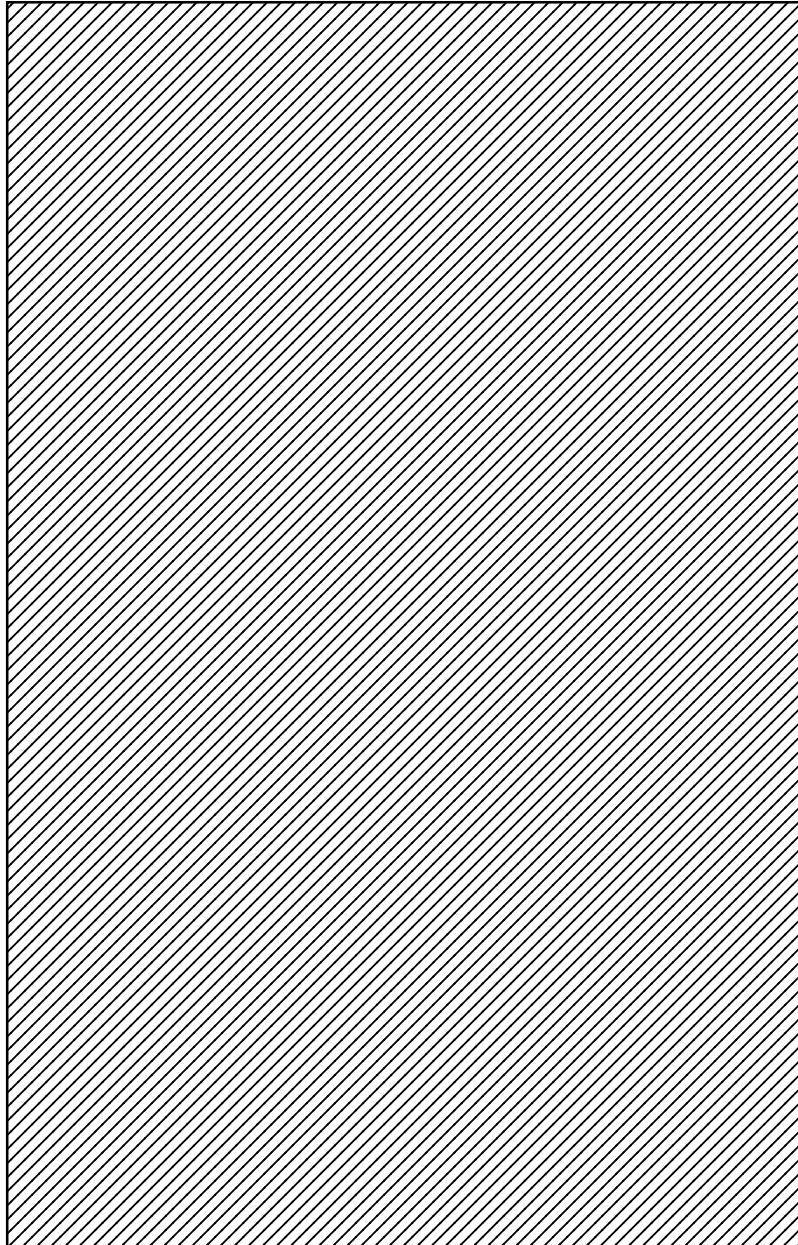


Unsafe Acts

## BOATING SAFETY TIPS



- Yield right of way
- Be aware of others
- Avoid alcohol
- Maintain a safe speed
- Don't overload
- Don't loan to inexperienced operators
- Wear proper clothing
- Ensure proper maintenance







**By Jim Gaines**  
MCCS Publicity

**Always great buys at MCX**

Check out some of these bargains at the Exchange this week:

RCA LYRA, the latest in MP3 technology, featuring a car adapt and 64MB recordable. Limited supply. Ask about our FREE software.

Save 15% off all OAKLEY sunglasses. Limited supply. Shop early for best selection.

The Exchange/7-Day Store is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Call 256-8974 for more details.

**Lunch menu for this week**

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

**Today** - Pork in mushroom sauce.

**Friday** - Hoki fish

**Monday** - Veal Scallopini

**Tuesday** - Chicken Parmesan

**Wednesday** - Stuffed turkey breast

**Thursday** - BBQ baby beef ribs

All above meals are 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** - Mongolian Beef!

**Next week** - Fajita Beef/Chicken!

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.

**ITT has tickets to SeaWorld's Military Fest 2000**

SeaWorld celebrates its Military Fest 2000 on Saturday, August 5th.

It's a few weeks away, but plan now

to attend this special event.

Ticket cost - Adults \$37.50, Children \$29. Your ticket includes admission, food and parking.

Enjoy SeaWorld's shows, attractions and Rockin' Summer Nights from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Picnic Area & Nautilus Pavilion is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Enjoy a Hamburger Buffet with - homemade salad, ranch style beans and cake for dessert - served from noon to 1:30 p.m., soft drinks served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Buy your tickets early, ITT's tickets will sell out fast for this special event.

ITT is open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays and Sundays. You can purchase your tickets after ITT business hours at the Bowling Center from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays. Saturdays & Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 577-6541 for details.

**Base Golf Championship**

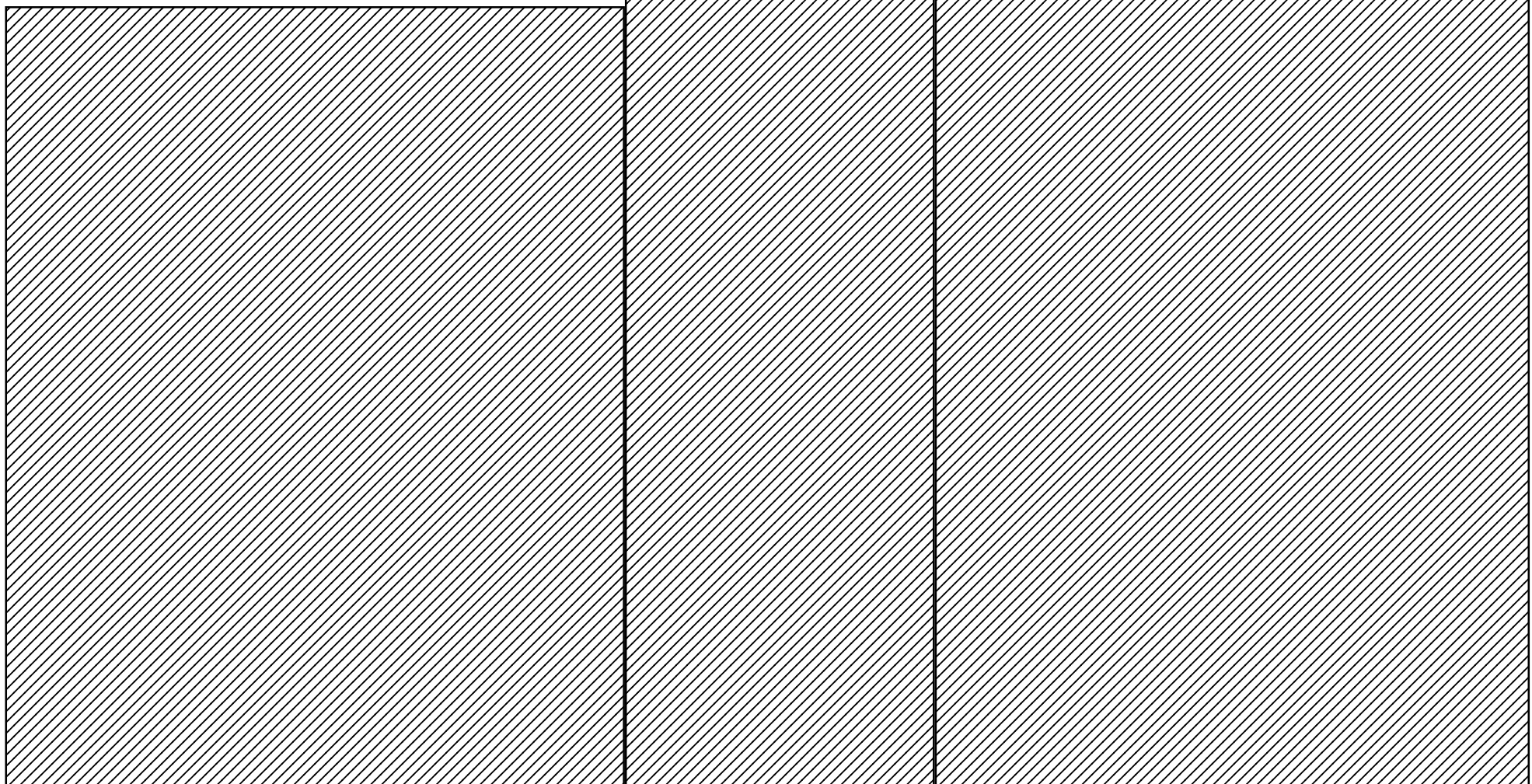
On Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23, Tees & Trees Golf Course will be holding their annual Base Championships.

There is still time to sign up - you must have SCGA handicap. Call now, 577-6431.

Want to play golf but don't have clubs?

We rent clubs, carts - everything you'll need - drop by our Pro Shop and

see what we offer. 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.



# CWP

## Health promotion program enters Phase II

By Marisa Klavon  
Health Promo. Coordinator

Phase II Civilian Wellness Program will conduct an open enrollment from July 14 through September 8.

The wellness program was created to promote positive and healthful life-style habits in the civil employee work force.

The program provides guidance, counseling and training to participants, in addition to providing full access to MCCA facilities and equipment for official training sessions.

Employees unable to enroll at this time should mark their calendars for the next enrollment period beginning November 10 and ending December 20.

Participation is open to first-time enrollees at Nebo and the Fleet Support Center only.

Pre-enrollment packets are available at the Semper Fit office in Building 44 or in Yermo at Building 582.

Wellness Program criteria must be met in order to participate in the command sponsored program.

Participants are required to obtain approval from their supervisor in order to complete three, one-hour sessions per week over a 6-month period, for a total of 72 hours training. Some sessions require classroom participation.

Official enrollment in the program will begin upon completion of all prerequisites and receipt of enrollment packages.

One of the major concerns for program coordinators going into the second phase of the program was whether or not to limit enrollment in the program. They opted for open enrollment to allow for maximum participation.

More people have an opportunity to take part in the program because the enrollment period better accommodates employees who may be taking leave, TAD or away from base for other reasons, according to Helen Sampilo, wellness worksite program coordinator.

For more info call Helen Sampilo at 577-7746 or Marisa Klavon 577-6817.

# Bill sets aside \$6.6 million for new painting facility

Compiled by GySgt. Frank Patterson  
Public Affairs Chief

The President signed an \$8.6 billion military construction bill July 13 that includes \$6.6 million for an enclosed paint and undercoat facility at Maintenance Center Barstow.

The new facility encloses and centralizes the different vehicle painting and undercoating sections in the Maintenance Center.

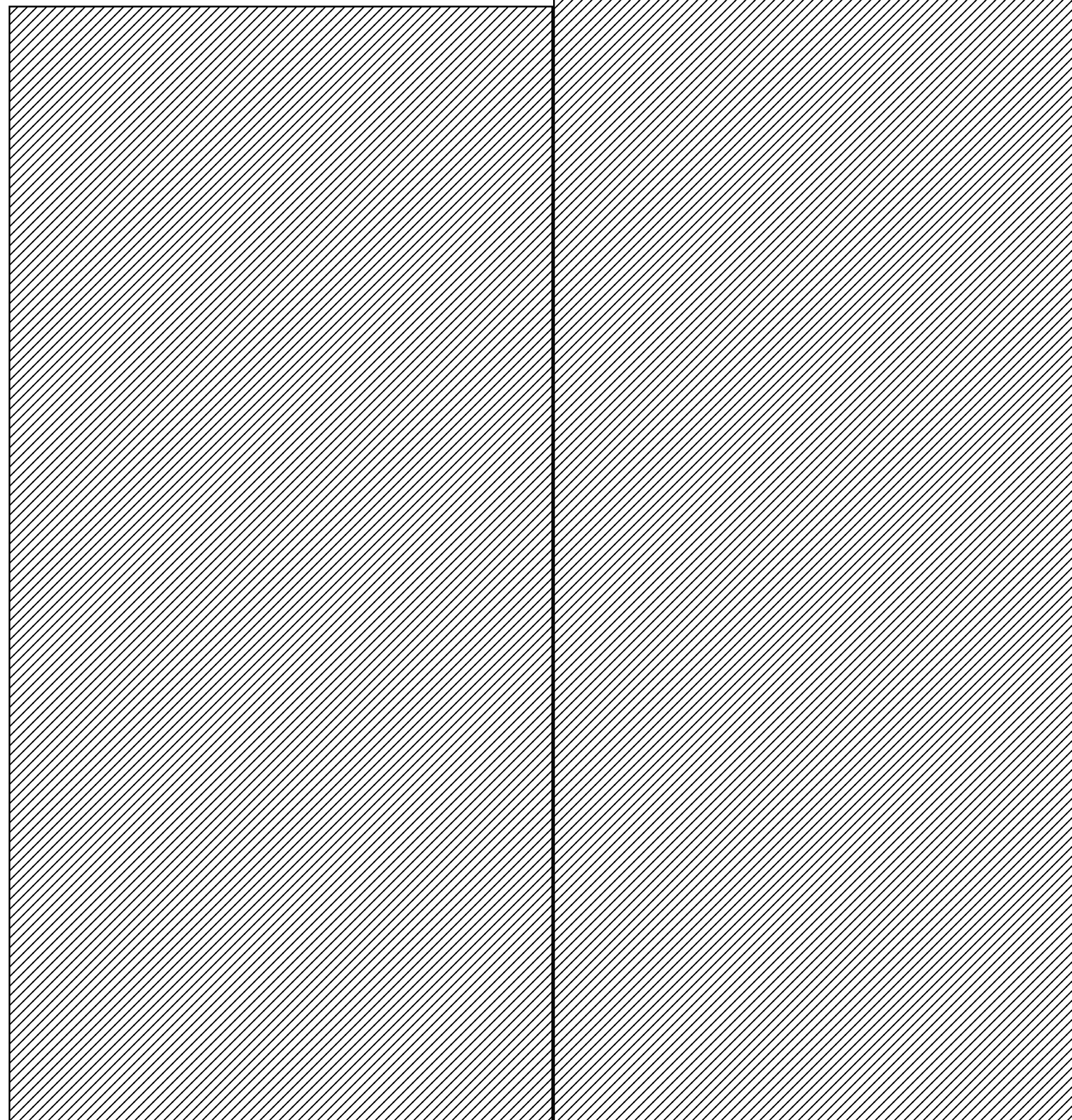
Currently, 72 percent of the vehicle painting process is accomplished in the open air, according to California's 40th District Congressman Jerry Lewis, senior member of the House Appropriations Committee.

The new facility allows the base to enhance climate control and increase the pollution compliance resulting from work done on hundreds of vehicles annually.

An added benefit of the approval is it helps quell the worries of many base employees who are concerned about the future of the base.

"An investment this large is a good indication of what the government has in mind for the base," said Col. Mark A. Costa, base commander.

Got news? If you have an interesting story idea or see news happening, call the Barstow Log. We want to hear it ... 577-6451 or 577-6450.



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**DRYER:** Electric, \$25. Call 252-9199. Lv msg.

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

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For more info call Sandra Casey at 380-4021 or 256-5751.

**CWRA Getty Museum Trip**

The CWRA is sponsoring a trip to the Getty Museum in Los Angeles Aug. 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.

**Christmas in July**

The 5th Annual Toys for Tots Poker Run is Saturday.

The 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.

**Head Start Preschool**

The San Bernardino County Head Start program is now accepting registrations for the 2000-2001 school year at its Barstow (Grandview), Newberry Springs and Fort Irwin locations.

The Head Start pre-school is open to three and four-year-old children.

Sessions run five days a week from 8-11:30 a.m., with afternoon sessions

available in Grandview.

The school costs nothing and is available to families who qualify based on income. Priority is given based on age and family size.

**Street Fair**

The 2000 Route 66 Street Fair continues until August 29. Tuesday's theme is Community Night. August 1 is

National Night Out.

The fair is in Old Town Barstow, between Barstow Road and Second Avenue from 6-10 p.m.

Craft and produce vendors are scheduled. There's entertainment and a bounce house, a swing ride, a kiddie train and pony rides for children, in addition to carnival games and a rock-climbing wall.

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

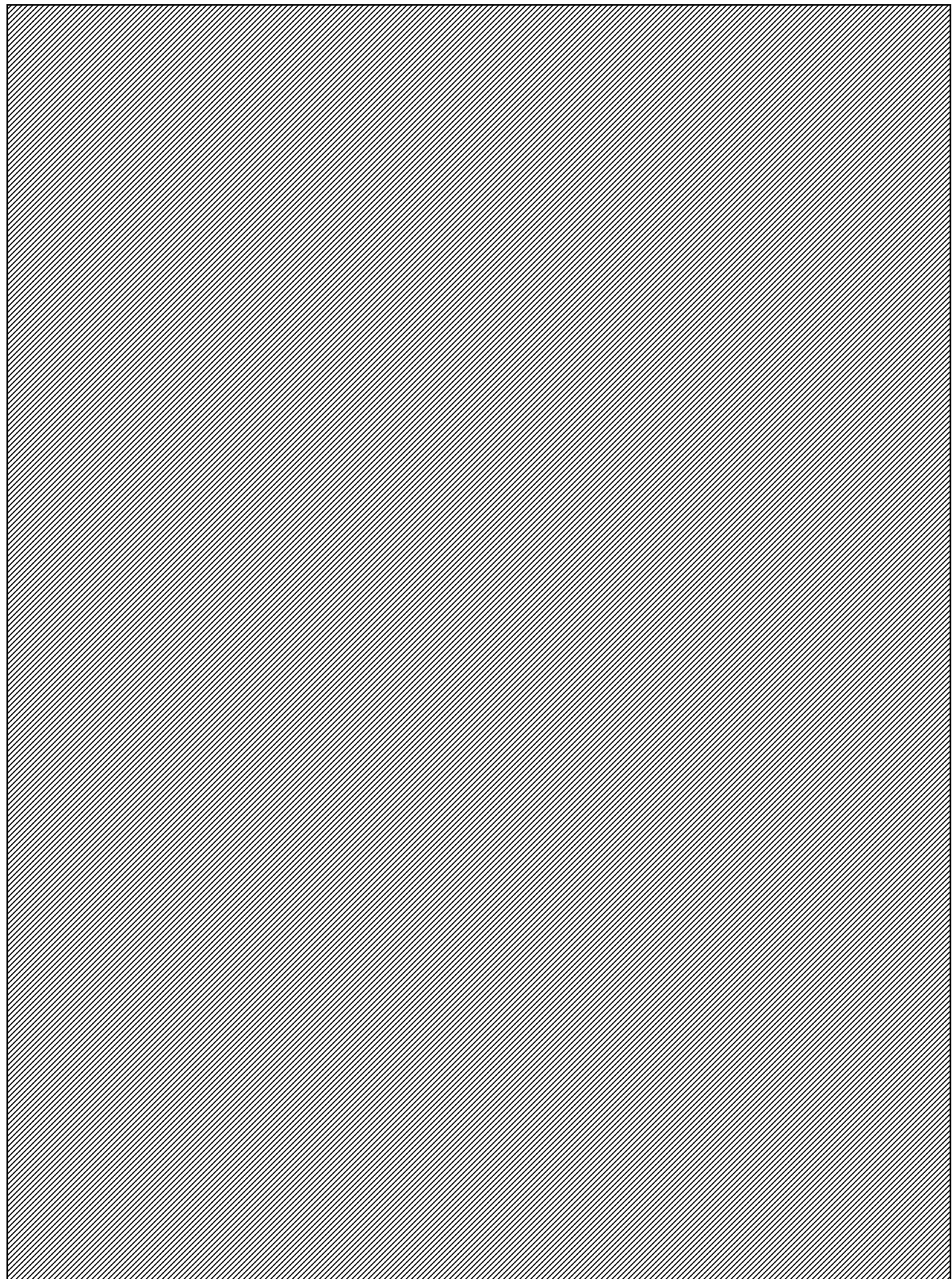
**Retiree Dental programs**

The Retired Activities Office has information and enrollment packets for the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program. If you would like a packet, call

the Retired Activities Office at 577-6533 or pick one up at Bldg. 129.

Additionally, the Delta Dental Program has a new Web site featuring information about enrollment and premiums, a dentist directory, answers to frequently asked questions, and a downloadable dental claim form.

Access the site at <http://www.ddpdelta.org>



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