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## Fire in Desert View



Photo by Terri Jenkins

A view of the southeast corner of the front porch where the fire started.

By **LCpl. Cory Kelly**  
BARSTOW LOG staff

The front porch of a home in MCLB Barstow's Desert View housing caught fire early Sunday afternoon.

The fire was reported to the Provost Marshals Office via '911' and extinguished by a neighbor before fire department units arrived. The neighbor noticed the fire while passing by the house at about 2 p.m. There was no one in the home at the time of the blaze.

Base officials estimated the fire, which destroyed an area of the porch railing, a porch column, part of the porch roof header and a wooden bench, caused ~\$500 in damage to the home.

The single-family residence is just like every other house in Desert View, made from a wood frame construction with a stucco outer covering which Fire Prevention Branch assistant fire chief Mary Jane Ackley calls 'a potential.' In other

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## National Night Out

By **Cpl. Brian Davidson**  
BARSTOW LOG staff

MCLB Barstow is anticipating a large turnout at its 12<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out program being held at the McKinney Youth Center on base Tuesday.

The base has supported the National Night Out program, which promotes crime prevention and awareness, since 1990.

The program, now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year, was created by the National Association of Town Watch and has grown to include more than 9,000 communities.

On one evening each year, communities across the nation are encouraged to take time out to join their neighbors, local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in a consolidated effort to reduce crime rates through crime prevention and awareness.

Around 4:30 p.m. Tuesday some Base Housing residents may be taken by surprise as a motorcade of police and emergency response vehicles and fire engines with lights flashing and sirens at full blast parade through to signal the commencement of the night out against crime.

"Our purpose is to bring the community together to make them aware of a specific criminal activity in the area. Each year one crime is highlighted, said Sgt. Scott Miller, MCLB's program coordinator.

"Selling crime prevention and safety is one of the hardest things to do. People think, 'nothing major has happened here during the last year or so; why do we have to spend so much time and energy in crime and prevention programs?' The bottom line is that we spend the money, the time and the effort to prevent crime. We have to because that is our primary goal ... not to just respond to help people after they've been victimized," said Miller. "The key to prevention is to be proactive — not reactive. That's why we put so much time and effort into taking part in National Night Out," noted Miller.

But, it is a fun event too.

Free food and refreshments will be provided, in addition to a dunk tank and other activities.

The Barstow Police and Fire Departments, the Bureau of Land Man-

agement and the Fish and Wild Life Department will join the Provost Marshal Office and the MCLB Fire Department in this year's program.

Each agency will have personnel on hand to provide information on topics pertaining to their missions ranging from fire safety to travel in the High Desert region and information about fishing and hunting seasons throughout the state.

According to Miller, the presence of the local law enforcement agencies is a great benefit to the base community because it makes important information easily accessible and gives the agency and residents some face-to-face interaction time.

"The Mayor and Miss Barstow are attending also," said Miller. Best of all, "No one will walk away from the event empty-handed," he claimed. "We'll have a host of free giveaways."

Local vendors are showing their support for the effort by donating valuable coupons toward purchases at their businesses and giving away family passes.

All of the program's activities are supported through contributions.

Aside from safety and crime prevention education, the event fosters relationships between neighbors, according to Miller.

"Residents get to come out meet one another and become familiar while exposing their children to numerous safety classes like Stranger Danger lessons and bicycle safety, and other activities identification and tracking programs."

The Provost Marshal Office will also use the opportunity to inform base residents about the services and training it offers to residents on a routine basis.

Many are unaware of the services available, according to Miller

"We do teach crime prevention, home security and other classes on a regular basis. One of our goals is to let everyone know that we are here for them 365 days a year," stressed Miller.

MCLB has been awarded the National Association of Town Watch Military Award ten times over the past 11 years for success in the National Night Out program.

For more information about National Night Out festivities call Sgt. Scott Miller at 577-6409.



Photo by Sgt. Mike McQuillan

(Left to Right) Jeremiah Barry, Nathan Foster and Naquan Barry chow down on hotdogs at last year's National Night Out at the McKinney Youth Activities Center



# 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.

## CO releases report card, states plans for MCLB's future

By Col. Mark A. Costa  
Base Commander

Members of the Logistics Base Community, two years ago as I assumed command of the Base, I was proud to say from that day forth that I was the commanding officer of MCLB Barstow. My attitude has not changed since then. In my philosophy of command, I challenged you to share in the burden of the command as we faced the challenges ahead. Last summer, after my first year, I asked you to grade me on a report card. I wanted to know where I had made the mark, or fallen short, in my promise to serve you. Your responses were both encouraging and enlightening. Based on your requests I have initiated changes in our quality of life programs, our awards and recognition policy and increased my communication with the work force. It's now been two years, and I want to review where we have come and where I believe we can get to in the remaining year I have left here.

I believe that a commander must set the future vision for the command and then go about assembling the people, resources and structure to allow that future to be realized through the actions of those in the command. Over the past two years, I have worked with the senior leaders of the base staff to refine a new strategic plan. Our plan

envision MCLB Barstow as "the center of installation excellence." We envision this being achieved "... through innovation and a superior work force, while ensuring a high standard quality of life." I believe our vision is achievable in the five-year horizon of a strategic plan.

**"My commitment for the year ahead is to continue to execute the plan and take care of our own during this transformation and transition."**

Col. Mark A. Costa

Soon after arriving here, I proposed a Barstow 2002 Plan that focused on "Transforming the Work Force and Provide the Best Value Infrastructure and Services" to the base's customers. I targeted Oct. 1, 2001, for achieving the end state of the Barstow 2002 Plan. That end state sees the base as, "... providing direct responsive and quality service to our customers through self-directed teams of multi-skilled workers, empowered to take unilateral action using innovative procedures,

state-of-the-art technology and techniques to achieve mission accomplishment on time at the best value." From the time I began to develop Barstow 2002, my commitment has been to see it through. To date, the primary effort in the transformation has been through the Installation and Logistics Department Commercial Activities or A-76 Study, which remains on schedule. In a few short weeks, I will certify our Most Efficient Organization with which we will compete with private industry to do the work needed by our customers. That MEO is the centerpiece of our work force transformation. But it's not only the work force that is being transformed, you can see that the base itself is being transformed as many of the repair projects which have been planned for years are now unfolding. These two transformations are focused on serving our customers - the reason for our existence. Satisfying the requirements of the Maintenance Center, Fleet Support, the DLA activities and our other logistics providing tenants, must be our focus; their needs must be met first before we take care of ourselves. But you, the individual, cannot and will not be overlooked. Major General Davis, our former LogBases Commander reminded us constantly 'Mission first, people always.'

My commitment for the year ahead is to continue to execute the plan and take care of our own during

this transformation and transition. This past month, we offered our first round of incentives to members of the Installation and Logistics Department to leave service in an effort to begin the reshaping of the work force. Continuing this fall a more aggressive round of incentives will be offered to eligible members of the command. I remain dedicated to making available to our loyal civilian Marines every opportunity in every program that can be offered during the transformation and transition of the base work force. We will reshape our work force and it will be smaller; but, those leaving us will be taken care of; those that remain with us will be prepared to become the multi-skilled work force we need.

Two years ago on Sorensen Field, I said that you had not yet achieved your greatest accomplishments and that together we would pursue that quest. I believe we are on course and on schedule to become that center of installation excellence we envision, and we have in the process taken the lead within the Corps. I remain proud to be your commanding officer. As always, I ask that you stay informed and stay involved, and during this year ahead, I again ask that you share with me in the responsibilities and authorities of the command by shouldering some of the challenges and partaking in our successes.

## What goes around comes around

By Lt. Cmdr. Tom Cook  
MCLB Albany Chaplain

In times of combat, self-sacrifice is a paramount virtue.

We have heard stories of those who are willing to give of themselves in order to obtain victory.

This virtue came to new heights at the opening of World War II by the British destroyer *HMS Trinidad*.

In the Arctic waters of 1941 the warship had fired a torpedo at a passing German destroyer.

However, its crew completely overlooked the

effect of the icy water on oil in the torpedo's steering mechanism.

The crew watched as the torpedo traveled at 40 knots toward its target and slowly became aware that the torpedo was starting to follow a curved course.

In less than a minute it was pursuing a semi-circular route straight into the *HMS Trinidad's* path.

Displaying the precision timing on which Naval warfare depends, the torpedo hit the ship's engine room and put the *HMS Trinidad*

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## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Larry Simoneaux serves up a hot meal at the Cactus Cafe restaurant in Yermo. Simoneaux enjoys the ease and pace of his job. "It's much easier than being a master sergeant in the Corps like I was before I retired," he noted.

### 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 Tuesday 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.

## 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. Monday and again Wednesday.

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 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.

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.



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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Patricia Biles	Fire Dept.	6732
Dennis Chapman	I&L	6399
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Bella Nies	Base Admin.	6145

## 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.

## 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.

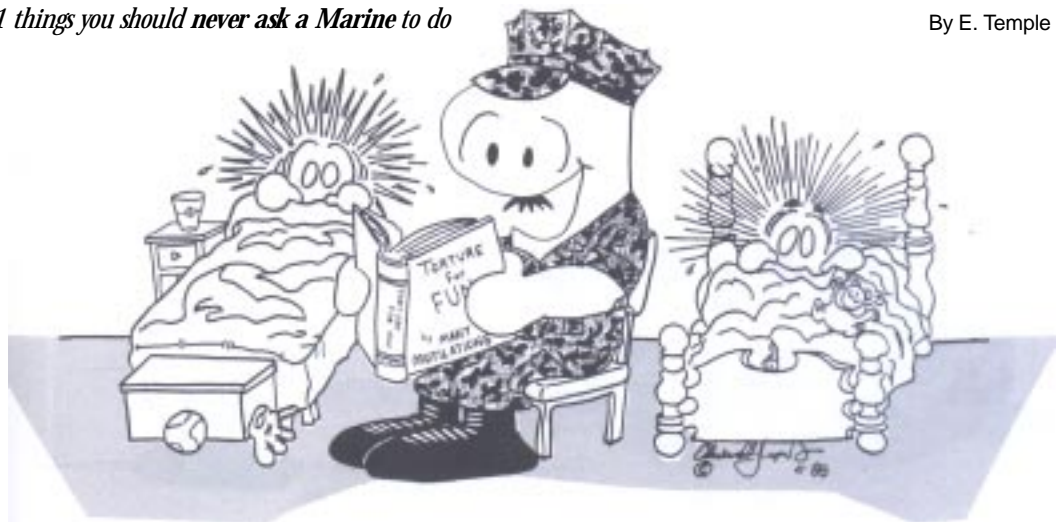
Access the site at <http://www.ddpdelta.org>.

## Safety Shoes

Safety shoes will be available for purchase Wednesday at Yermo in the parking lot in front of Building 573 from 7 to 11 a.m. and at Nebo in the parking lot at the east end of Building

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to read a bedtime story

236 from noon to 2 p.m.

## CLD Trip

The Civilian Leadership Program is arranging a trip to see Management Consultant Tom Peters live in San Diego 13 Sept. For more info call Lynda Kay at 577 6316.

## PX Closure

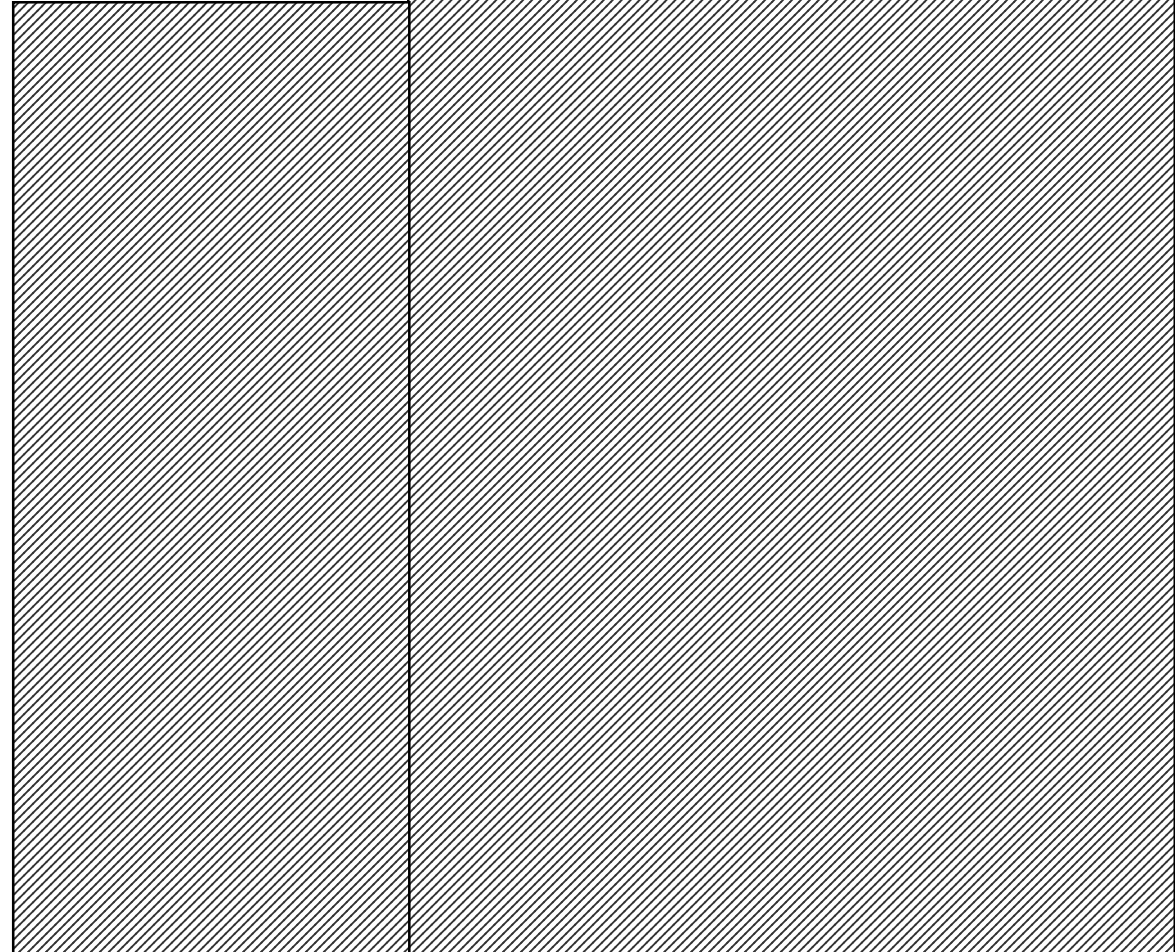
The base Exchange will be closed Sunday due to a scheduled inventory. For more information contact the Exchange manager at 256-8947.

## Street Fair

The 2000 Route 66 Street Fair continues until August 29. Tuesday's theme is National Night out. August 8 is Military Night.

The fair is in Old Town Barstow, between Barstow Road and Second

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# Next school year's child care estimates up in the air

By LCpl. Cory Kelly  
BARSTOW LOG staff

As the cost of living goes up year after year, there are certain unalienable expectations one must take into consideration when it comes time to balance the budget.

And for the penny-savers that make up today's military mother's and father's, the cost of childcare is – if not the most important factor – one of the most decisive factors in the budgeting process.

Whether or not the family will be able to settle in the sands of Sunset Beach, NC., for some well overdue recoup-time next summer could be extensively impacted by this next school year's hike in childcare fees.

And what is the expected rise in

military child care?

How about a rise of around one and a half percent.

**“If we were to raise the fees ... they would be right within the lines of what is suggested.”**

Ingrid Hamilton, CDC Administrator

At least that is what Department of Defense officials have recently announced for the 2000 to 2001 school year rates at military child care facilities.

DoD family policy officials review and update child care fees annually to help keep pace with estimates of inflation.

This next school year's increase will end up costing most service members about \$1 to \$2 more per child per week.

Although a couple of dollars each week doesn't seem like much, in a household that averages \$45,000 a year in income and has two children in child care full-time that can burn about a \$10,000 hole in the checkbook.

The question now is: will the DoD-wide estimated rates become the standard fees at MCLB Barstow?

Ingrid Hamilton, children and youths services administrator, was a little uneasy and hesitant about speculating saying, “It's a little premature to know which way this will go.

“We have to let it go through the system and see what we come out with.”

“Ultimately, [Col. Mark A. Costa, base commander] has the decision. It's really up to him,” she said.

There are still a lot of steps to be taken concerning the new rates, “we still have to have a parent's advisory board meeting and jump through a lot of hoops before this thing gets rolling,” Hamilton said.

“If we were to raise the fees ... they would be right within the lines of what is suggested.” She said.

“In the event that we were going to raise the rates, the earliest we would do anything is the first of October. So no one would be affected until then.”

## The estimates for 2000 to 2001 school year rates at military child facilities DoD-wide are as follows:

Income Category	Average Rates	Optional High Rates
1. \$0 - 23,000	\$40 - 53	\$45 - 56
2. \$23,001 - 34,000	\$50 - 64	\$55 - 68
3. \$34,001 - 44,000	\$61 - 76	\$67 - 81
4. \$44,000 - 55,000	\$74 - 86	\$80 - 92
5. \$55,001 - 69,999	\$88 - 100	\$91 - 105
6. \$70,000 +	\$103 - 114	\$104 - 116

-- How much parents pay for military child care is based on the family's total income. This includes all earned income - wages, salaries, tips, long-term disability benefits and voluntary salary deferrals. It also includes service members' combat pay, housing and subsistence allowances, and the value of meals and lodging furnished in-kind to military personnel residing on military installations.

## 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-364-00	Artillery Repairer WG-2854-07 (Term NTE 1 year)	07-06-00	08-21-00	08-03-00	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**  
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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>.

# Dignity, Respect at Heart of Anti-harassment Plan

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 21, 2000 — DoD has adopted an "overarching principle" regarding all forms of harassment - - including harassment based on sexual orientation, DoD officials announced July 21.

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen approved the Anti-harassment Action Plan and has forwarded it to the services for implementation, said Bernard Rostker, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

The plan is the result of a look at the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy following the 1999 murder of an allegedly gay Army private at Fort Campbell, Ky.

DoD's overarching anti-harassment principle is that "treatment of all individuals with dignity and respect is essential to good order and discipline. Mistreatment, harassment and

inappropriate comments or gestures undermine this principle and have no place in our armed forces. Commanders and leaders must develop and maintain a climate that

**"They have an absolute right to define any such question about their sexual orientation as inappropriate and decline to answer it."**

Bernard Rostker, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness

fosters unit cohesion, esprit de corps

and mutual respect for all members of the command or organization."

Rostker said the statement should make it clear to service members that military officials will not tolerate any kind of harassment. Further, the plan makes it clear that DoD will hold commanders and leaders accountable for any failures to enforce this plan.

The action plan reiterates the DoD's commitment to harassment-free environment, Rostker said. "To do that, we have formally extended the definition of harassment to include inappropriate comments and inappropriate gestures" he said. Previously, only the Navy's definition of harassment included inappropriate comments and gestures.

"We have to be sensitive to name-calling sometimes things are said as banter that can be hurtful and constitutes harassment," Rostker said.

Service members have "an absolute right to a harassment-free environ-

ment," he said. "In seeking that right, they should never be asked about their sexual orientation."

In seeking an end to harassment, "they have an absolute right to define any such question about their sexual orientation as inappropriate and decline to answer it," Rostker said.

Rostker said the chain of command must deal with charges of harassment. "We will hold them to that," he said.

"The fact that a person is being harassed is enough to cause actions to cease that harassment."

Air Force Undersecretary Carol DiBattiste, chair of the commission that came up with the Anti-harassment Action Plan, said other aspects of the plan will help commanders and leaders, at all levels, to prevent and eliminate future harassment.

The plan calls for the services to conduct homosexual policy training and measure the effectiveness of that training.

DiBattiste said the military should assess the effectiveness of training yearly and measure service members' knowledge of the policy, their behavior and the command climate.

Under the plan, the services will review all "don't ask, don't tell" policy training and anti-harassment training programs to ensure they jibe with DoD's overarching principle and implementing directive.

DiBattiste said the plan calls for all service members to be informed of all confidential and non-confidential avenues to report harassment.

The only confidential avenues service members have are through attorney-client privilege or through the clergy, she said.

In most cases, the chain of command is the preferred avenue.

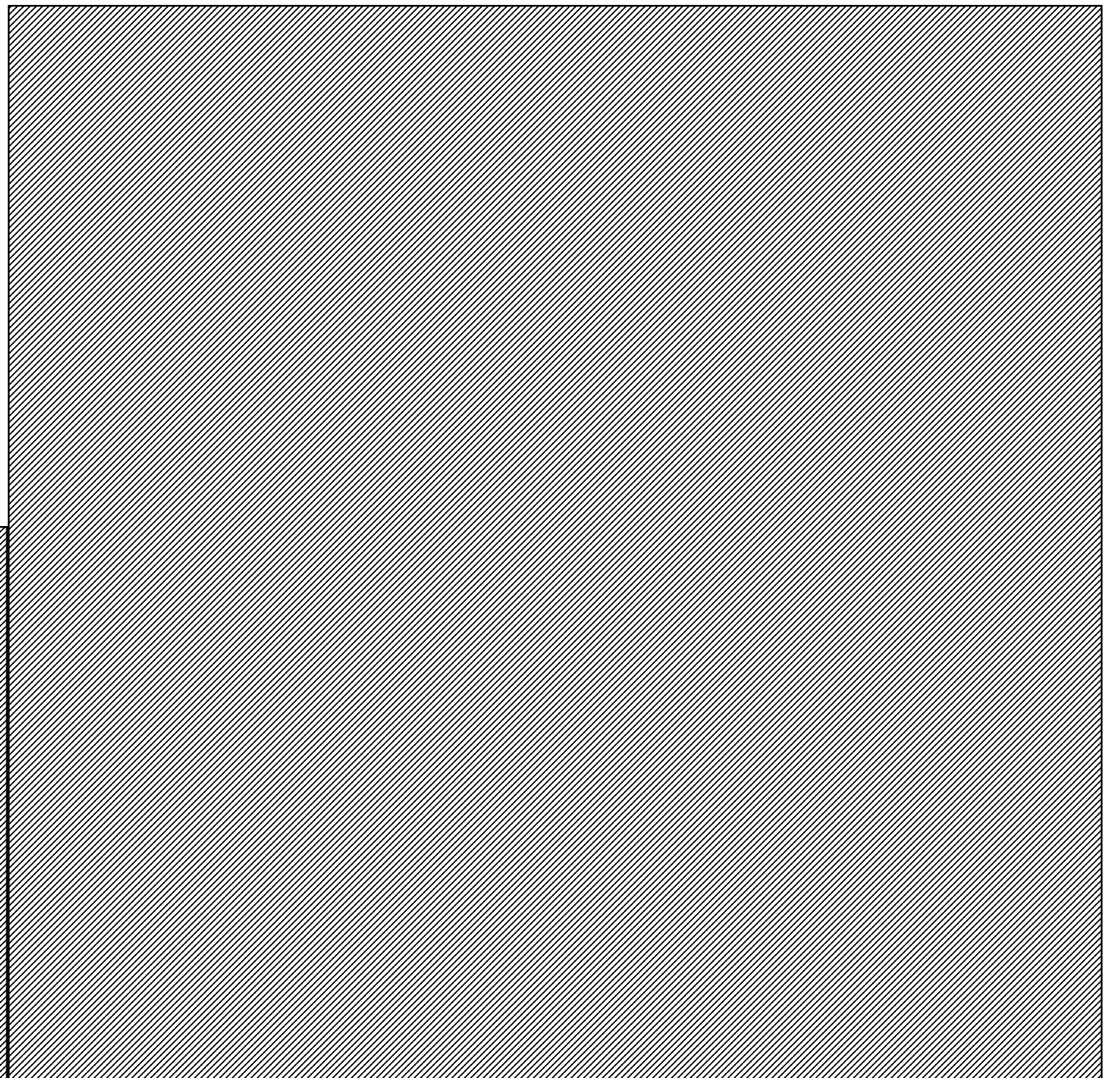
The plan calls for the services to ensure that commanders and supervisors take appropriate action against anyone that condones or ignores harassment.

## Contact Human Resources Service Center via e-mail

Employees can now communicate with the Human Resources Service Center Southeast, Benefits and Performance Division through e-mail at [http://Benefits@sw.hroc.navy.mil](mailto:Benefits@sw.hroc.navy.mil).

The HRSC SW Benefits Line is staffed Mondays through Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Benefits Line number is 1-800-831-0622, ext. 5554.





# Marines take Magic Mountain head on

Story and photos by LCpl. Cory Kelly  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Boarding the bus early Friday morning most of them looked as if they hadn't slept in weeks, tired and broken from the stresses of battle, and not too happy about the deployment they so eloquently volunteered themselves for.

After finishing the head count - 28 Marines in all - and seating themselves on the bus, some seemed to question their reasoning for signing the dotted line as the bus driver shared words of encouragement and tips about how to effectively battle dehydration and other life threatening ailments.

Detaching from their official duties, these MCLB single Marines headed southwest as the recent spearhead of one of the bases ongoing operations sponsored by the Single Marine Program.

Before departure to the 'beach front' SSgt. Dennis Owen, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, set the rally point at the bus for 1800 and ready for evacuation at 1830.

The mission objective: to attack as many positions as possible within a six

hour time limit while suffering the least amount of casualties, friend or foe.

The parameters: any means possible.

Upon arrival, the bus stops and the Marines, a bit more chipper about having recruited themselves for this mission, break into two squads entering battle zone: Six Flags Magic Mountain Los Angeles, Ca.

Zigzagging their way through 'charlie's ranks' they made their way to their vehicles of choice: roller coasters.

Although six hours seems like relatively a short time for an operative mission, the actual fire time involved is significantly less than that. Of the six hours to be spent tackling the obstacles, only about a half an hour of that was to be spent in the heat of battle - lines willing.

LCpl. Tavon Hubbard, mail clerk, seemed a little less motivated than the rest of the troops as they battled it out with Goliath the first time. It was reported by fellow devil dogs that he

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The fateful moment just before Goliath takes a 255 ft. drop at about 85 mph. Some are taking it better than others.

Cruising in a wooden boat, (FRONT to REAR) PFC. Gabriel Lopez, PFC. James Castro, LCpl. Jared Anderson and Cpl. Joseph Jenson take the raging waters of the Jet Stream.



Recruiting poster? I think not ... but it goes to show you there is no such thing as a camera shy Marine.



The more conventional way of cooling off.



# CWC 732

## The link in Ground Communications

By Cpl. Brian Davidson  
BARSTOW LOG staff

102 degrees in the shade.

Combing through a maze of circuit boards, connectors and color coded bundles of wires Tom Graul, a Ground Communications technician, slows to a pause only to wipe the streaming beads of sweat from his brow. He resumes the methodical search, his eyes scanning the maze, his face wrinkled with concentration.

Graul is repairing one of the Corps' most sophisticated radar systems, the AN/TPQ-46 Firefinder Radar, an electronic scanning system designed to track the trajectory of enemy fire enabling Marines to return fire with pinpoint accuracy. The Marine Corps owns just 22 of the radar systems. Each is of vital importance.

Being well connected, some might say, is a key to success, but making all of the right connections is the hallmark of Maintenance Center Barstow's Ground Communications worker bees.

"The Firefinder is one of the most important systems we repair in communications electronics," said Randy Bales, GC workleader. "But we're also responsible for all ground support communications electronics. Our mission encompasses repairing all model SINCGARS radios, the Light Armored Vehicles' fire control support systems, communications checks for all of the tactical vehicles and more."

Once it is here no ground communications

equipment returns to the fleet without Cost Work Center 732's stamp of approval.

Ground communications also services transponders and emergency band radios carried by military pilots. The radios are tested in a special, triple-insulated room to prevent falsely alerting pilots in the area with the radio's distress signal.

Currently staffed at 75 percent of their rated manpower, GC still manages to live up to their motto of 'Getting the work done and satisfying the customer.' They have even assumed collateral duty, according to John Carter, supervisor.

"There are in excess of 600 computers in the maintenance center," noted Carter. "We have a computer repair section that does preventative maintenance, servicing and some upgrades on most of them at a rate of two per day, providing a valuable service to the maintenance center."

At the center of GC's success in keeping Marines around the globe communicating are dedicated workers, the connection, according to Carter.

"Some of our employees literally started out at the bottom as janitors and have worked their way up; getting schooling as much as possible - fighting tooth and nail to get where they are today," he said. "It takes a lot of schooling, math and science, for the type of work we do in ground communication electronics. Technology rapidly advances and we have to constantly strive to [excel]."



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Bob Gillenwater solders circuits in for an LAV fire control communications unit

Allen Howard replaces one of the many circuit boards in a AN/TPQ-46 Firefinder Radar's antenna. One of the Marine Corps' unique modifications to the radar was to mount the system on four HMMWVs instead of 5-ton trucks like the Army has their systems configured.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Tom Graul examines electronic components during a function check.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

The inner workings of a SINCGAR radio from a bird's-eye view. Ground Communications technicians often use lighted magnifying lens to get a closer look at the detailed wiring of the equipment they repair.



# Republic of Korea honors U.S. Veterans with Korean War Service Medal

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Released July 24

The Secretary of Defense has authorized the Republic of Korea to issue the Republic of Korea War Service Medal to U.S. Veterans of the Korean War.

The medal will be provided at no cost to veterans or to their surviving next of kin. This will be a one time issuance.

Veterans who are eligible for the medal may apply for it at any time from now until 2003 while the Republic of Korea conducts Korean War 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ceremonies.

The U.S. Air Force has been designated the lead agency to receive and distribute the medals.

To be eligible to receive the medal, U.S. veterans of Korea must have served between the outbreak of hostilities June 25, 1950 and the date the Armistice was signed, July 27, 1953.

Veterans must have been on permanent duty or temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days.

To be eligible for the award, veterans must also have performed their duty within the territorial waters, landmass, or airspace over the Korean peninsula.

Veterans who are eligible for the medal, or their survivors, must provide one of two docu-

ments to verify eligibility.

A certificate of release/discharge from active duty(DD Form 214) or a correction to certificate of release/discharge from active duty(DD Form 215).

To further verify eligibility, assignment orders to and from the area of eligibility or temporary duty orders and travel vouchers should also be provided.

Special orders for awards and citations for awards requests should be sent to:

HQ AFPA/DPPRA  
550 C Street West, Suite 12  
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4714

A copy of all documentation should be mailed in with the request.

The Republic of Korea specifies the eligibility period and criteria for this award. Because the order of precedence for non-United States service medals and ribbons is determined by date of approval, this medal should be worn after the Kuwait Liberation Medal, which was the last foreign medal approved for wear by U.S. military personnel.

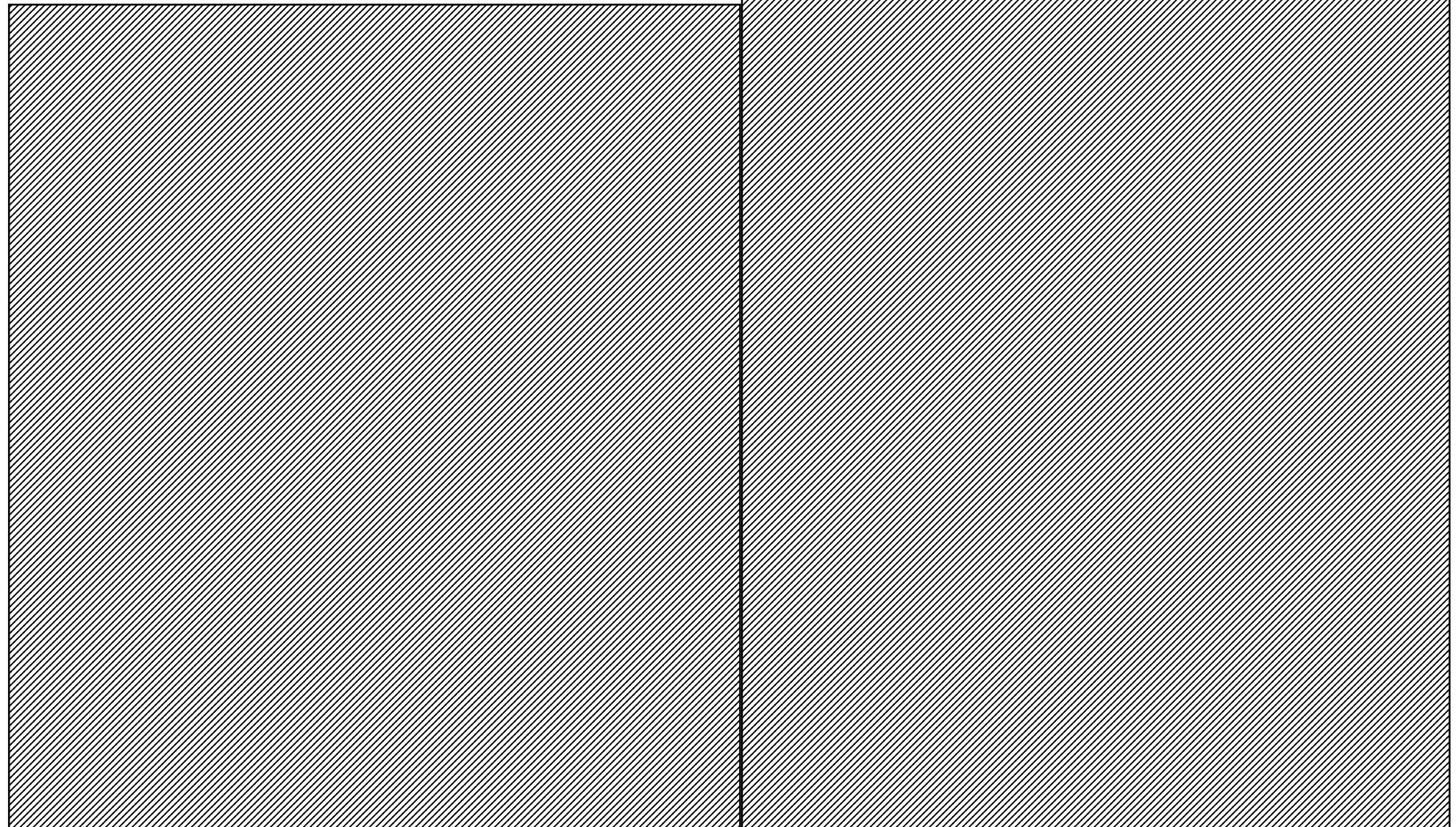
For the majority of Korean War veterans the medal will be worn after the United Nations Medal, or the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal if they served during that conflict.



**Smokers Need Watchers**

Carelessly discarded cigarettes are the leading cause of fire deaths in the United States. Never smoke in bed or when you are drowsy. Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers, and put water on butts before discarding them. Before going to bed or leaving home, check under and around sofa cushions for smoldering cigarettes.

**NFFPA**  
People Protecting People Since 1896







**By Jim Gaines**  
MCCS Publicity

**Wrap up one sale, start another at the Exchange**

The July Sale is almost over - but there's still time to catch a bargain or two - like these:

APEX digital DVD player \$189.95 limited supply. ZOJIRUSHI 10 cup rice cooker \$86 limited supply. This sale ends Monday.

Tuesday the August Sale starts with new bargains to enjoy. 10% off all clothing, 10% off assorted perfumes, 10% off GENESIS nutrition products, 10% off assorted grills.

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** - BBQ baby beef ribs  
**Friday** - Hoki fish or stuffed trout  
**Monday** - Lemon Pepper steak  
**Tuesday** - Steak and potato wedges  
**Wednesday** - Hamburger pie  
**Thursday** - Teriyaki beef and rice  
 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.

**Family Night Dinner menu**

**Tonight** - Fajita Beef/Chicken!

**Next week** - Taco Night!

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.

**Twilight Rates still in effect at Golf Course**

You have about a month and a half of Tees & Trees' Twilight Rates left -

enjoy these low rates while you can - they end September 15th.

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.

**Las Vegas trip set for August 19th**

You may still get a seat on ITT's Las Vegas trip, Saturday, August 19th, but you'll have to call as soon as possible - 577-6541.

Don't forget Seaworld's Military Fest 2000 on Saturday, August 5th. This day is set aside as a military appreciation day by Seaworld offering you a low admission fee of \$37.50 adults and \$29 children which includes admission, food and parking. Seaworld will be open on this special day from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

ITT is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets available after ITT business hours at the Bowling Center, Wednesday through Friday from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 577-6541 for more information on tickets available as well as trips scheduled.

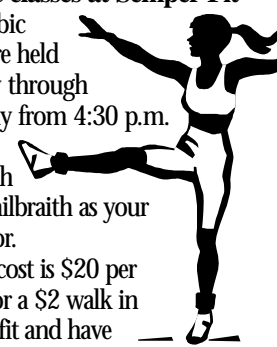
**Marine Appreciation Night**

Mark your calendar for Wednesday night, August 16th.

The NCO/Enlisted Club will be celebrating Marine Appreciation Night. The celebration will include spades, pool, a dart tournament and much more. Everyone welcome! For more information call 577-6495

**Aerobic classes at Semper Fit**

Aerobic classes are held Monday through Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with Gina Gailbraith as your instructor.



The cost is \$20 per month or a \$2 walk in fee. Get fit and have fun doing it. Sign up today and feel better tomorrow. For more information call 577-6971.

**Do you want a career but lack the money?**

Why not run your business from home? Become a Child Care Provider and care for other people's children in your own home. Family Child Care is a growing profession with many career advantages. There is only a one time training fee of \$35 for which you would pay \$65 for the CPR/First Aid training alone if you were to get it from the Red Cross. The training is regularly updated for free. Providers have access to toys and equipment from the lending library, purchase insurance at a group rate, and receive help to ensure that their homes are safe for children.

Besides being able to set your own hours and salary, you can receive money from the USDA Food Program as partial reimbursement for food costs. You can also be referred as a qualified PSD Family Child Care Provider. You can receive help in planning activities and curriculum for the children in your day care home.

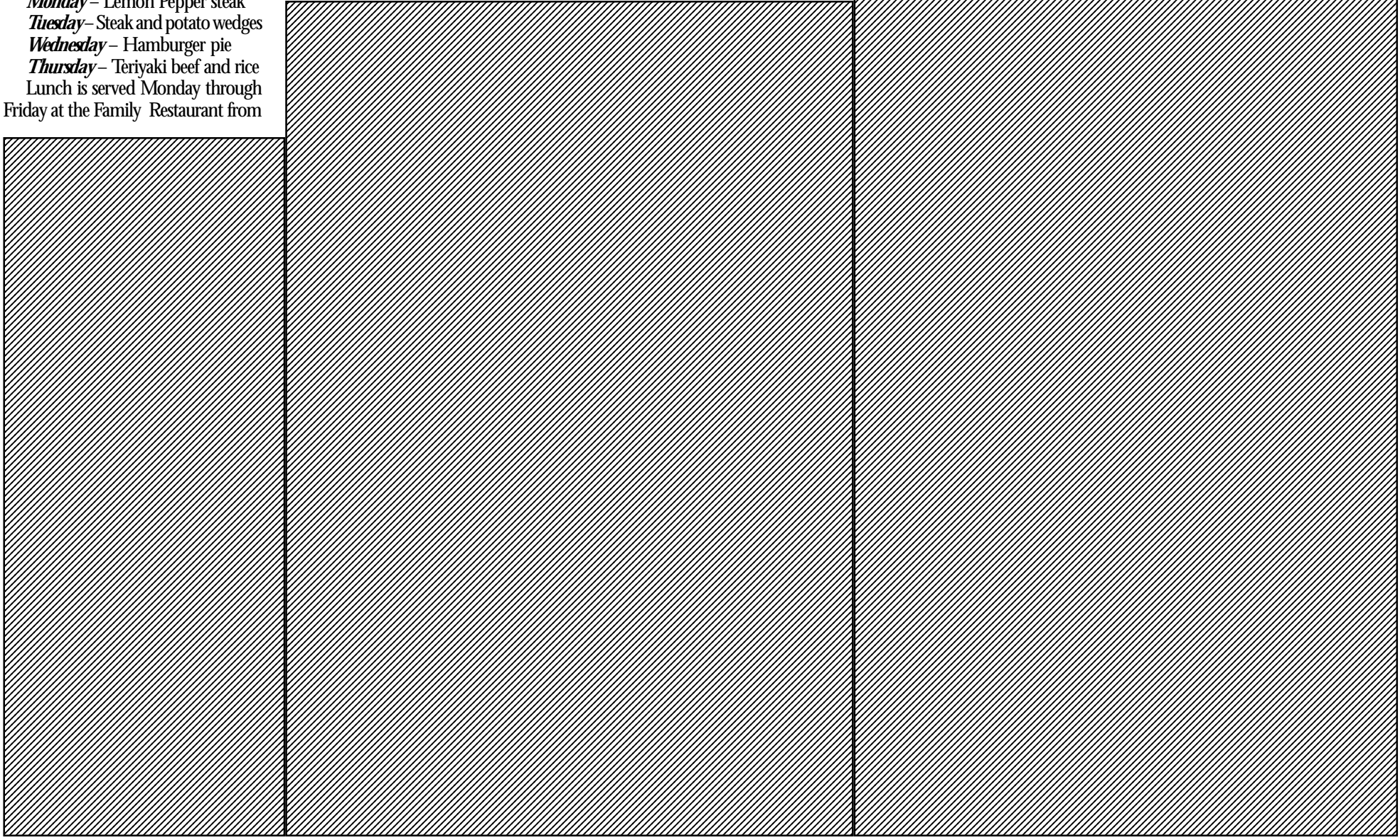
There's more reasons than money and convenience for becoming a Family Child Care Provider.

As a former Family Child Care Provider - Debbie claimed, "If you like being around kids, it's the perfect thing to do. You get to pick your own hours and you get to stay at home with your kids."

Child Care in Government quarters, must be approved through the Child Development Services, in order to be permitted on MCLB.

The primary reason for this policy is the safety and welfare of children. Parents know that their children are cared for in a safe, happy and secure environment because only the best are selected to become Family Child Care Providers.

If you would like to expand your career possibilities while staying at home, call Grace Walls at PSD Family Child Care office at 577-6049 or 577-7287.





# SPORTS

## Marines win National Pistol Championship

Public Affairs Office  
MCAS Miramar

QUANTICO, Va. — The United States Marine Corps Pistol Team reclaimed the highly coveted Gold Cup Trophy after winning the National Trophy Pistol Team Match Monday during the National Pistol Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio, July 13-17.

The six-man team was comprised of Warrant Officer Anthony Carbonari, team captain; Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Watkins, team coach; Gunnery Sgt. Mario Lozoya, Sgt. John Ennis, Sgt. Keith Sanderson and Sgt. Scott Allison, shooting members.

The first Gold Cup was presented to Gen. John J. Pershing by the Minister of War of the Republic of China to be used as the first place award in the pistol match among the Allies at Le Mans, France in 1919.

The American Expeditionary Force Pistol Team won the award and then presented it for annual competition in the National Trophy Pistol Team Match.

The Marine Corps last won the Gold Cup in 1995. This year 33 civilian and military teams from around the country competed for the award.

The National Trophy Pistol Team Match requires each competitor to shoot three strings of fire.

The slow fire string is 10 rounds in 10 minutes from 50 yards followed by a timed fire string of 10 rounds in 20 seconds from 25 yards. The final string is rapid fire, also from 25 yards, with 10 rounds in 10 seconds.

The Marines shot a combined score of 1117 points with 32Xs to top the other competitors.

“Winning the Gold Cup alone is worth more than all the other wins we’ve had this summer. All the training we’ve done has paid off,” said Carbonari, Marine Corps Pistol Team Officer in Charge.

In addition to being on the winning Gold Cup team, Sanderson was

also the regular service national champion by attaining the highest aggregate score amongst all other active duty military competitors.

Sanderson placed second overall in the national championship, competing against more than 800 civilian and military shooters.

1st Lt. Adrienne Dewey from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar won the Women’s National Trophy Individual Match shooting a score of 271 with 6Xs.

This course of fire is the same as the pistol team match and requires all shooters to compete with either an M9 9mm or M1911 .45 caliber pistol.

With the summer season officially over, the Marine Corps Pistol Team will be returning fourteen Marines to the

fleet who were used to augment their summer shooting program.

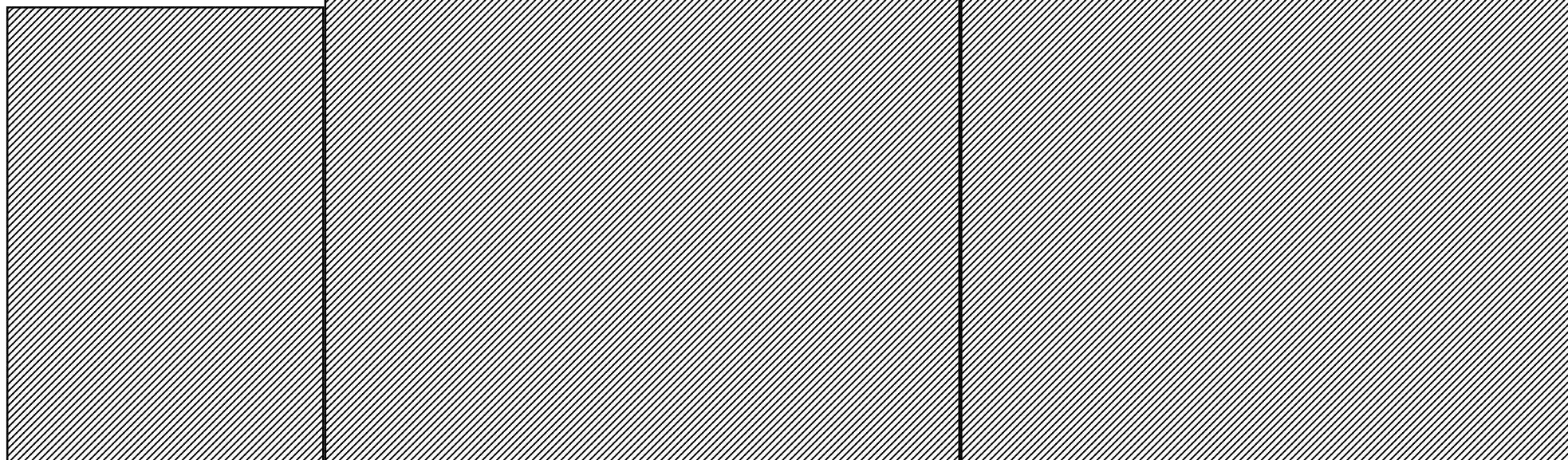
“We train a select few in advance shooting techniques and charge these Marines to go back to the fleet and teach their units,” said Carbonari. “One significant aspect to winning the Gold Cup is that it gives us a national pulpit to talk from.

“At a time when other military pistol teams are being disbanded we are thriving on outstanding command support from the commandant down,” said Carbonari.

“This is because our Marines have a spectacular reputation as marksmanship instructors, recruiters and Marine Corps ambassadors throughout the world.”

## SPORTS BRIEFS

The MCLB Barstow Soccer team is seeking new members for this season’s play. All Sailors and Marines are welcome to take part. Practice will be held Monday at 6 p.m. on Sorensen field. No prior experience needed, only a competitive spirit and motivation. For more info call Sgt. Karl Garrison at 577-7213 or 577-7181.





Please submit all Trader Ads to daileyb@barstow.usmc.mil.

**1998 Mustang:** Under warranty, AM/FM cassette, CD, 5 speed manual, spoiler silver outside/Gray cloth interior, remote keyless entry, 3.8L, 27k miles, \$12,000, OBO. Call 725-6804/5625/9066.

**1988 HONDA CIVIC DX:** 5-speed, good condition, runs great, \$2,500. Call 252-3408.

**1987 HONDA ACCORD:** Less than 30K miles on engine and transmission, needs cosmetic work, \$1,500. Call 256-8250.

**1983 DODGE VAN:** Conversion, ice box, hide-a-bed, new parts: tires, radiator, water and fuel pumps, belts, hoses, air compressor, Runs good. \$3,000. Call 252-9199. Lv msg.

**1968 CHEVY:** ¾ ton pick-up, 3 gas tanks, P/S, 16-5 chrome spoke wheels, 350 trans, no engine \$550. Call 243-1392.

**1995 KIT ROAD RANGER:** 5<sup>th</sup> wheel, 20 ft, super slide, awning, electric jacks, two-door refrig/freezer, microwave, ducted A/C, other extras. Blue Book is \$13,250-16, 625. Call 256-3489.

**MOTORCYCLES:** 1998 Yamaha YZ-125, new top end, renthal bars, procircuit pipe and silencer, many extras. \$3,000. Call 256-6103.

**MOTORCYCLES:** 1998 Kawasaki KX-250, new top and bottom end on motor, procircuit pipe and silence, new fenders, renthal bars many extras. \$4,000. Call 256-6103.

**MOTORCYCLES:** 1990 Kawasaki 500 procircuit pipe, baja skid plate, renthal bars many extras \$2,000. Call 256-6103.

**FOR SALE:** Rims, VW and Mustang. Trade, OBO. Call 252-9199. Lv msg.

**FOR SALE:** 5 speed trans, 1984 Ranger 4 cyl, \$350. Call 243-1392.

**FOR SALE:** 2.3 Cu-in-1984 Ranger 4 cyl, engine, all smog complete 55,000 miles \$300. Call 243-1392.

**WANTED:** Winch for 4WD. Call 252-9199. Lv msg.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Patio furniture, white plastic, round table, \$20; Bose subwoofer, \$150; Futon all wood, twin size, extra thick mattress with cover, like new, \$75. Call 255-3045.

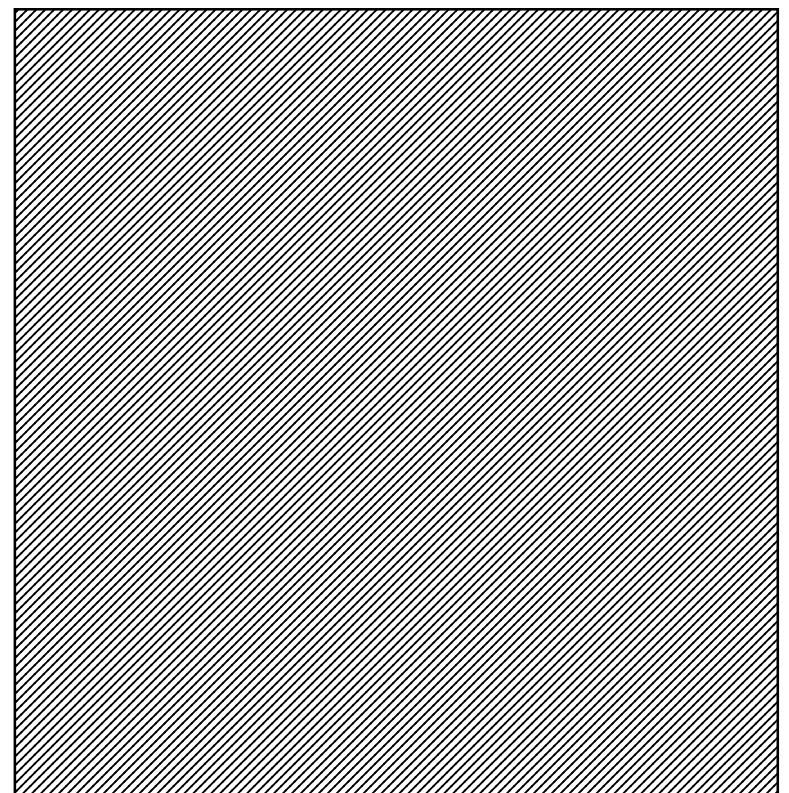
**FURNITURE:** Dining table, solid oak, seats 6 to 10 people, \$550. Will accept payments. Call 255-3045.

**STOVE:** Hot Point, eclectic like new, four burners and oven, \$100 OBO. Call 252-5229.

**VIDEO CAMERA:** Pro Edit, VHS, full-size, 12X zoom, hard case, all accessories, excellent condition, \$200. Call 252-4352 after 4:30 p.m.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for your prayers, flowers, and kind words of sympathy over the death of my Mother. God bless you for your loving support. Marlo Koceski.

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to everyone who comforted me and gave me a helping hand in dealing with the loss of my brother "Moosie". The cards, the gifts, the calls at home, the visits and your presence at the services meant everything to me. Thank you one and all. In heartfelt appreciation, Mimp Hawkins.





**SINGLE** from page 6

didn't open his eyes once. The second duel with Goliath he was a little more 'enthusiastic,' opening his eyes a total of about two or three times to marvel at the twists and turns he was taking at 85 mph. As set before, all 28 Marines arrived at the rally point at 1800. Up until this point all was well, no casualties - friend or foe.

But that all changed when the bus driver noticed the bus had sustained what appeared to be an inanimate form of dehydration ... loss of power.

The next scheduled relief was not due until 11 p.m., so Marines headed back into the park spending what could be determined as a little too much time on the rides involving water.

Laying in soggy clothes and tired from the days events it seemed as if they would have to set up camp in the broken bus as the hour hand approached 1 a.m.

All of a sudden out of the darkness of night a light did shine.

In a moments notice there were two heavenly beams, and the rebirth of hope in the hearts of the water logged devil dogs was apparent ... their relief had arrived.

Mission Accomplishment!

Returning to MCLB Barstow at about 4 a.m., PFC. Lopez said of the duties performed over the last 18 hours, "It was awesome! I had a lot of fun."

**CHAPLAIN** from page 2

out of action for the rest of the war.

Failure. We all face it.

Sometimes it costs us our pride ... even for the British! Yet, this story reminds us of the saying, "You reap what you sow."

Or perhaps, according to this story and current slang, "What goes around comes around!"

But there is truth here. If we sow seeds of good thoughts and actions, we will reap the benefits.

We don't always see an immediate harvest ... but they will come.

Life is not static. It is dynamic. And this simple rule of life applies: It is in giving that we receive.

When we sow good thoughts and attitudes ... it will grow!

"He who digs a hole ... falls into the pit he has made. The trouble he causes returns to himself. Yet, I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness." (Psalm 7:16)

**FIRE** from page 1

words, it can catch fire.

Steve Mulcare, assistant fire chief, and investigator, Terry Jenkins, concurred that the fire was caused by cigarette butts left in a plastic flower planter.

The occupant of the home acknowledged that the area of the front porch that caught fire is used as the smoking area, and the plastic pot from which the fire started was used as the cigarette butt can.

It has not been determined whether the occupant of the home will be held responsible for the damages.

Ackley said, "people just need to use common sense and find a safe way to extinguish their cigarette butts." She then said that if the temperatures are right, which 99 percent of the time they are in Barstow, a blaze can pop up almost anywhere.

**BRIEFS** from page 3

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.

**FMA Luncheon**

The FMA is hosting a luncheon entitled "To Be a Leader is to Be a Mentor" Wednesday at the Oasis Club from 11 to noon. Hear motivational highlights from participants in the leader-

ship Development (Mentor) Program.

Reservations are required by the end of today. Call 577-6638 for more info.

**Blood Drive**

The next Blood Drive is coming up Aug. 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Building 44 at Nebo and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Maintenance Center. Call 577-6145 for more info.

