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## Water rates raised, base anticipates \$27K hit

By Cpl. Brian Davidson

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City of Barstow residents, including MCLB, will feel a pinch in their purse pockets as a 25 percent rate hike in their water bills goes into effect during the current billing cycle, according to a recent report in the Desert Dispatch.

The Southern California Water Company introduced a flat rate increase that affects all customers in Region III, which also includes parts of Orange County, Apple Valley and Victorville.

Creating an oasis in the desert for base housing residents requires a concerted effort between residents and the command to conserve water and cost. The watering policy is the primary tool in managing the effort, but many residents fail to abide by the guidelines making it a costly endeavor, especially under SCWC's new rate structure expected to stay in place two to three years.

"According to our projections from cost comparisons, the command will spend an additional \$27,000 for water with the new rates," said Larry Emmons, base energy manager.

According to MSgt. David Vanhovel, base inspector, some residents act in accordance with the policy, some choose not to, and many of the residents are unfamiliar with it.

"I am hoping that people aren't just ignoring the guidelines set forth for them as housing residents. We're giving residents the benefit of the doubt. Maybe not everyone is aware of how important the guidelines are to the base community," Vanhovel said of the violations he recorded while touring housing.

**"Potential water shortages and escalating cost necessitates that the base have a policy for water conservation."**

Base Order 11330.1B

Lawn care and oversized wading pools are the major culprits of poor water conservation on base, according to Vanhovel.

The average resident's water bill is expected to increase by \$10.27 a month or more depending on water use, according to the report.

"There are a lot of residents living in housing. Multiply that increase by everyone in housing – with poor water use and conservation," said Vanhovel.

The Yermo Annex gets and treats its own water supply from ground water, but Nebo purchases its

water from SCWC.

"We are not getting our water utilities free. Costs really add up to a bundle quickly for the command and the government. It's an absorbent amount of money when you take the base's operating cost into consideration.

"We have to reserve our resources. There are more than enough watering hours to care for the lawns and practice water conservation," noted Vanhovel.

"Potential water shortages and escalating costs for base water consumption from local utilities providers necessitates that the base have a policy for water conservation. Base organizations and residents of family housing share an equal responsibility with the civilian community for practicing sound water conservation measures," states Base Order 11330.B.

It's not unusual to see lawn sprinklers creating small streams of water that flow through the streets of housing at midday.

"Watering the grass at high noon, in 110 degree-plus temperatures is not a good idea," stressed Vanhovel. "The water just evaporates. It's a waste."

Besides wasting water, watering your lawn in the heat of the day destroys your grass, said SFC Paul Moropoulos, Army National Guard Recruiter and Cape Gloucester resident. "Following allotted times

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## JSOQ is 'sharp' sailor

By LCpl. Cory Kelly

BARSTOW LOG staff

Self-proclaimed 'shy guy' Hospitalman Mario Torres is in a sense 'stealing the show' at the Branch Medical Clinic as Junior Sailor of the Quarter.

Torres was nominated for the JSOQ board by his immediate supervisor Petty Officer 2nd Class Brian Belk, medical laboratory technician and leading petty officer.

Belk said, "I work with him every day and I see how hard he works ... I see him work the most. Plus, he plays well with others."

Although he really does play well with others, one probably wouldn't guess that at first glance. Especially since the first glance most people get of him is right before he sticks a two-and-a-half inch needle in their arm to take some blood.

Circumstances like this generally don't make for a good impression; at least they don't when he slips and has take two or three 'stabs' at it.

But Torres claims he is a sharpshooter, "I miss every once in a while ... it's rare though."

His job does seem fitting to his personality though. Quiet. Reserved. Almost uncomfortably calm. And not to mention as humble as a Tibetan monk, according to one of his peers.

Torres wouldn't say where he learned to be so quiet. It most likely came from growing up in the hard-



Photo by GySgt. Frank Patterson

**IT LOOKS PRETTY, BUT HOW DOES IT TASTE?** Okinawa (center horse) listens as SSgt. James M. Garza, newly appointed SNCOIC of the Mounted Color Guard, reads the inscription on the guard's newest possession – one of two first-place trophies recently won during the California Rodeo and Parade in Salinas, Calif. The other mounts (Left to Right) Luke, Willy, Honey and Sonny, seem less than impressed and more interested in a bucket of oats. This week, the Mounted Color Guard is on the road doing another rodeo at Santa Barbara, Calif.

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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.

## A farewell from Base XO



**M**arines and Civilian Marines, It has been my distinct honor to serve as your Executive Officer. I leave Barstow with mixed feelings. I have been given the opportunity to lead Marines in the Operating Forces, and that is an offer I cannot turn down. However, I have met and worked with and for some outstanding people here. My family and I have truly enjoyed our time in Barstow. I believe Barstow is one of the best-kept secrets in the Marine Corps.

I have learned much in my short two years here. I certainly have a much greater appreciation for the difficult job you Civilian Marines have. I also know the high quality of work you produce. That can be a double-edged sword, because now I will be on the receiving end of the equipment and services you provide. Keep up the good work! God Bless.

Semper Fi,  
Don Zautcke  
LtCol U.S. Marine Corps



## Just doing my job ...

Gloria Islasas, Components artillery repair, rebuilds the upguns weapons station for an AAV-P7 turret. Islasas said that what she enjoys most about her job is that there is never a dull moment, and her work is never the same from one day to the next. Cost Work Center 727, Components, is this week's featured Maintenance Center Barstow work section. See Page 6 for more.

## Bitterness will eat you alive

By Lt. Michael Michener  
Base Chaplain



As you might imagine, as a chaplain I have the opportunity to hear the heart-breaking experiences of many individuals. I

always try to listen and as much as possible empathize with their pain. I try to help hurting folks experience the closeness of God in their pain and expose them to an added dose of His grace.

Frequently, their pain is seasoned with bitterness. People will express how angry they are for being treated unfairly. I have spoken with many a soul who vehemently proclaim that they will never return to a particular church because "there are too many hypocrites in that church." I often suggest, "What a great place for hypocrites! Perhaps they will learn to be more Christ-like in church."

Some are disappointed with that

response not realizing there is a bit of hypocrite in every mirror.

There seems to be something in our human psyche that detests injustice. I believe that is part of the "Imago Dei," the image of God in us. But when someone has experienced an injustice and that disdain turns to bitterness, it begins to eat away at that person until they become less and less of what God wants them to be.

I have heard of individuals who didn't get promoted because someone didn't pay attention to the new promotion order. Others were not promoted because one of their supervisors didn't like them. I have heard of persons who were frustrated because they felt they didn't get their fair share of the "pot of money." I have known folks who got left out of planning meetings they believed they should have been a part of. I have heard Sailors and Marines who are angry with their respective services because of some injustice they experienced along the way. At one time these individuals were hard chargers. Now, they can't wait

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## Marines add Army unit to Chosin PUC citation

By SgtMaj. Robert W. Holub  
Marine Forces Pacific

One thing that has never ceased to amaze me in the nearly 30 years I have been a Marine is how when the Corps, or an individual Marine, knows something needs to be done, nothing can stand in the way to keep them from accomplishing the mission. It does not matter if that mission is in combat to take an objective or in peacetime to get a Marine a well-deserved promotion; one way or another, by hook or by crook, they will find a way. Yeah, they may use frontal assaults or they may use envelopments, but, by God, one way or another they will not be denied victory.

That kind of tenacity has always been the hallmark of the U.S. Marine Corps and always will be.

Another example of that "can do" spirit recently came to my attention. The story came to me from the Honolulu Chapter of the "Chosin Few," and I thought the story truly exemplifies Marines doing the right thing. I also thought the timing of this story was particularly good since we are observing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

I don't think there is a Marine alive today who does not know about 1st Marine Division's heroic breakout from the Chosin Reservoir that took place from Nov. 25 to Dec. 9, 1950. But for my civilian Marine readers, here is a quick rundown of what happened.

After driving the North Koreans all the way to the Chinese border, the 1st Marine Division found themselves overextended and surrounded by several Chinese divisions intent on destroying them to the last man. When asked by a reporter if the outmanned and outgunned Marines would retreat, the reporter was told in typical Marine fashion that the Marines would not retreat, they would just attack in another direction. Such was the courage and the valor of the Marines who fought in the Korean War. In the dead of winter, fighting almost around-the-clock in sub-zero temperatures, the Division made its way to the Hungnam Perimeter to await Navy ships – taking all their equipment, dead and wounded with them. It is one of the most heroic and dangerous operations the Marine Corps was ever involved in and is spoken of in the same breath with other historic battles such as Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima and Khe San. Marine casualties from that operation alone were listed at 4,418: 718 killed in action, 192 missing in action and 3,508 wounded. Another 7,313 Marines and Navy corpsmen suffered frostbite from the bitter cold during the Korean winter.

For the historic breakout, the division was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation – the unit equivalent to the Navy Cross for bravery. It was awarded by then-President of the United States Harry Truman.

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### Chapel Hours

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.  
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**Confession services  
before Mass**

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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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## Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is August 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.

## CWRA Getty Museum Trip

The CWRA is sponsoring a trip to the Getty Museum in Los Angeles August 12. The trip costs \$10 per person and covers transportation. There is no 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.

## 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.cdpdelta.org>

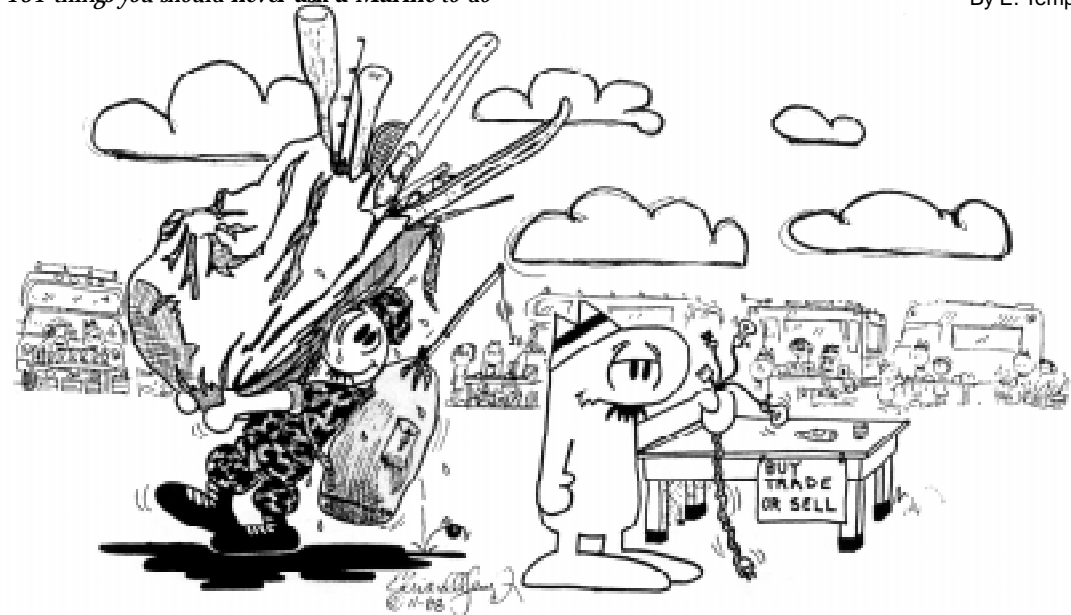
## CLD Trip

The Civilian Leadership Program is arranging a trip to see Management Consultant Tom Peters live in San Diego September 13.

For more info call Lynda Kay at 577

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

By E. Temple



**Never ask a Marine to go to a swap meet.**

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## Street Fair

The 2000 Route 66 Street Fair continues until August 29. Tuesday's theme is Military Night featuring military ve-

hicles from the Fleet Support Center here.

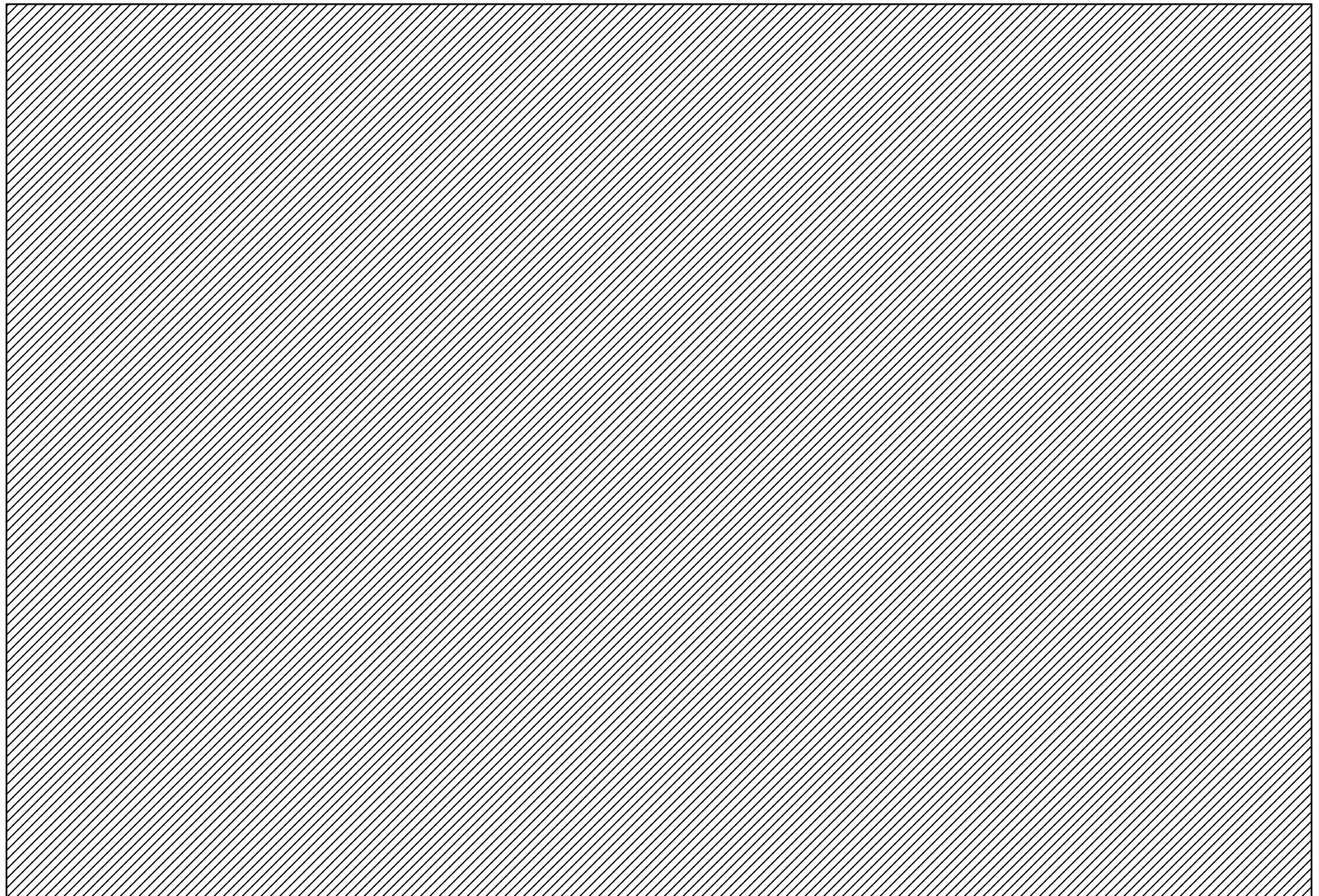
The fair is in Old Town Barstow, between Barstow Road and Second Avenue from 6-10 p.m.

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,

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# Buying a used car? Get a peach, not a lemon

By Donna Miles

Special to the American  
Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The 20-year-old Marine couldn't resist the deal advertised in his base newspaper: a free bus ticket from his Washington duty station to Virginia Beach, Va., to buy a used car.

Once the Marine arrived at the dealership, a salesman informed him he'd have to pay for his own trip home if he didn't buy a car. The salesman pressured the Marine into taking out a loan – at 24 percent interest – to buy both a car and an extended warranty.

On the trip back to Washington, the Marine's "peach" of a car turned into a "lemon." It started sputtering. When the Marine called the dealer for help, he was told simply to top off the water levels and continue on his way. The car survived the trip, but soon after left the Marine stranded on the roadside. The dealer refused to honor the warranty, claiming the Marine had violated its terms by driving the car when it needed repairs.

Major Charles Hale, chief of client services for Marine Corps headquarters legal assistance, said deals involving both new and used cars are among the biggest consumer problems young service members confront. Neither the Defense

Department nor the services keep statistics on how many military members buy used cars that turn into lemons as soon as the deal is sealed. But LtCol. Walter Skierski, chief of the Air Force Legal Assistance Division, said firsthand experience in Air Force legal assistance offices tells him too many too often.

Skierski said some cars have major mechanical problems the dealer doesn't reveal and the warranty doesn't cover. Some vehicles have no warranties at all, and the buyers aren't told and sometimes don't think to ask. Service members who buy a car "as-is" end up having to pay out of pocket for anything that goes wrong after the sale. Some end up deeply in debt, he said.

"We hear about cases like these constantly," agreed John Meixelle, an attorney-adviser with the Army Legal Assistance Office. "The most unfortunate thing is that the victims are usually junior enlisted members who have bad credit or are trying to establish credit – and who can least afford to be taken advantage of."

Legal assistance offices often serve as military members' first line of defense against fraudulent used car dealers, helping to resolve disputes between buyers and sellers. And for dealerships that use deceptive practices, commanders are increasingly exercising a powerful right: putting them off limits to

service members. "Sometimes the mere threat of that is enough to bring a dealer into compliance," Meixelle said.

The military also is taking steps to help educate service members and their families about their consumer rights when buying used cars or other goods and services. The Navy's preventive law program, for example, uses commander's briefings, brochures and base newspaper articles to inform sailors and their families about frauds they're likely to encounter – including fraudulent used car deals, explained Cmdr. Ann DeLaney, deputy assistant judge advocate general for legal assistance.

Federal Trade Commission attorney Steve Baker suggested consumers kick the tires, try out the radio, and go for a test drive when buying a used car. But, he said, many don't look for what he calls the most important thing in a used car, truck or van: the buyers guide.

By law, all dealers must post a buyers guide inside each used vehicle for sale. It spells out in writing what warranty coverage, if any, consumers are getting for their money. It lists the major mechanical and electrical systems on the vehicle, including some of the major problems consumers should look out for. It also tells them whom to contact at the dealership if there's a problem after they buy.

Yet, Baker said, many consumers don't know to look for the guide, and an alarming number of dealers don't post them.

The FTC recently inspected used car dealers on Chicago's North Shore, just outside the gates of Great Lakes Naval Training

## Tips on buying a used car

Check out the vehicle's repair record, maintenance costs and safety and mileage ratings in consumer magazines or online. Look up the vehicle's "blue book" value and be prepared to negotiate the price.

Ask for the maintenance record from the owner, dealer or repair shop.

Test drive the vehicle on hills, highways and in stop-and-go traffic.

Get all promises in writing. Oral promises are worthless.

Ask to see a copy of the dealer's warranty before you buy.

Check out the dealer with local consumer protection officials.

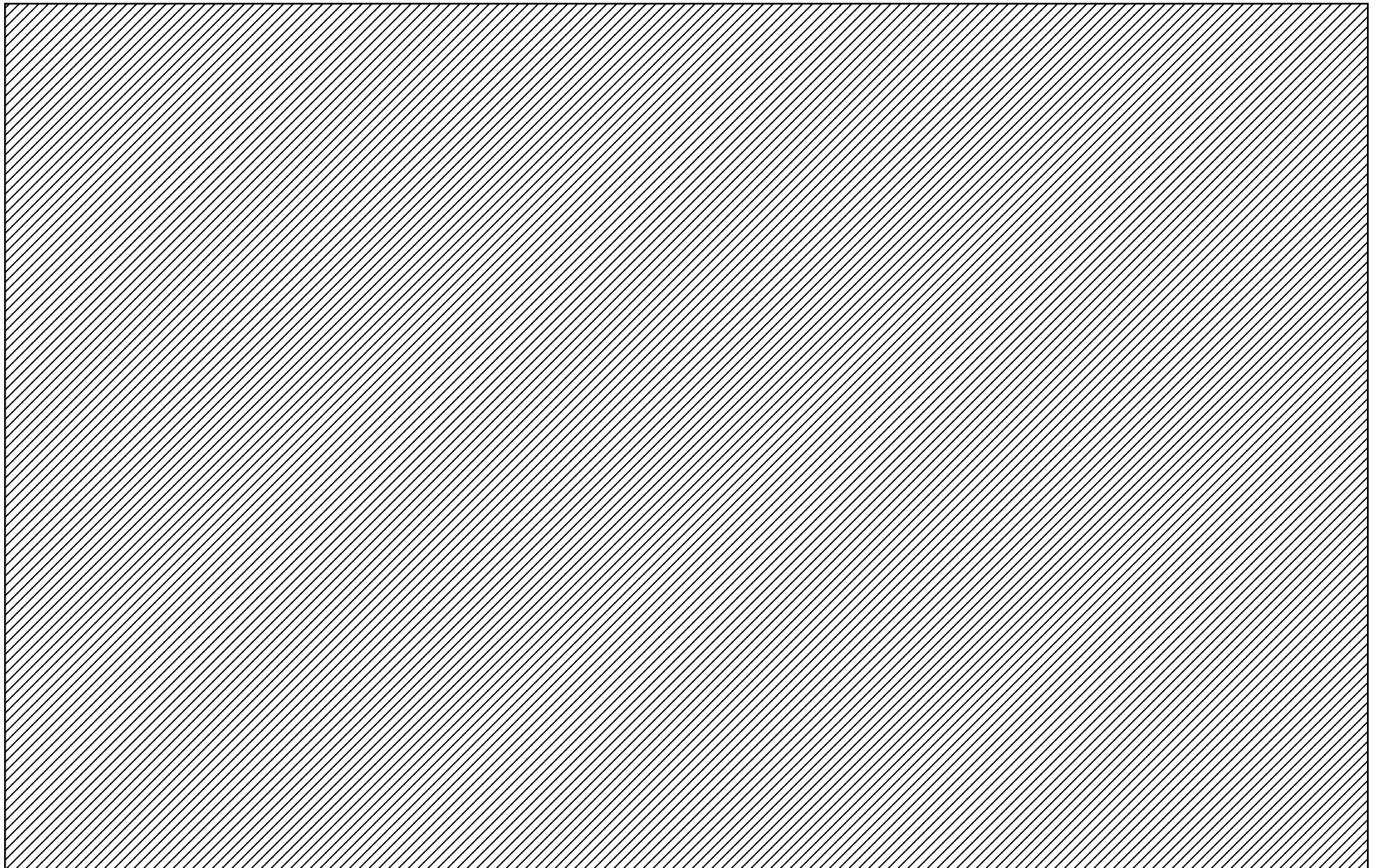
Recognize that warranties are included in the price of the car; service contracts cost extra and are sold separately.

Avoid buying a vehicle "as is." The dealer has no responsibility for making repairs after the purchase, even if the engine falls out as you're driving off the lot.

Use extra caution when buying a used car privately, because no buyers guide is required.

Consider using the Internet to research the vehicle's title history. For a small fee, you can use a service to help determine, for example, if the vehicle's odometer was rolled back.

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Center, and found that more than one-third of the 14 used car dealers surveyed didn't comply with the law. Almost one-fourth of the cars on their lots had no buyers guides, and many of the posted guides were incomplete or inaccurate. The non-complying dealers will be fined by the state and could face prosecution by the FTC for future violations.

Baker acknowledged that the compliance rates weren't the worst he's seen nationwide.

"But what's particularly disturbing," he says, "is that the dealers are located in areas where the consumers, such as new military trainees, may not understand their rights to this information."

To help protect this population, he said, the FTC plans to conduct more inspections of used car dealers near other major military bases.

Baker said used car dealers who don't display buyers guides send

consumers an important message.

"Not displaying the Buyers Guide shows a blatant disregard for the law and for their customers," he said. "If the dealer isn't giving them the information they're entitled to, consumers should take their business elsewhere - to a dealer who will."

He suggested used car shoppers take another important step before shelling out.

"Get the vehicle inspected by an independent mechanic that you've hired yourself before you buy," Baker said. "It will cost you a few dollars, but could save you a lot of money in the long run."

"There's no way to absolutely guarantee that a service member's used car experience is going to be positive," Baker said. "But by taking steps to protect themselves, and getting educated about their rights in the marketplace, young service members can help avoid the potential pitfalls."

## Job Watch

Ann No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEA-347-00	Equipment Cleaner WG-7009-05 (Amendment)	07-10-00	08-04-00	07-14-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-364-00	Artillery Repairer WG-2854-07 (Term NTE 366 days)	07-06-00	08-21-00	08-03-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-366-00	Livestock Rancher/Wrangler WL-5035-08	07-27-00	08-24-00	08-10-00	MCLB Barstow
OTR-096-00	Electrical Equipment Worker WG-2854-07 (Term NTE 366 days)	07-06-00	08-03-00	07-20-00	MCLB Barstow

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

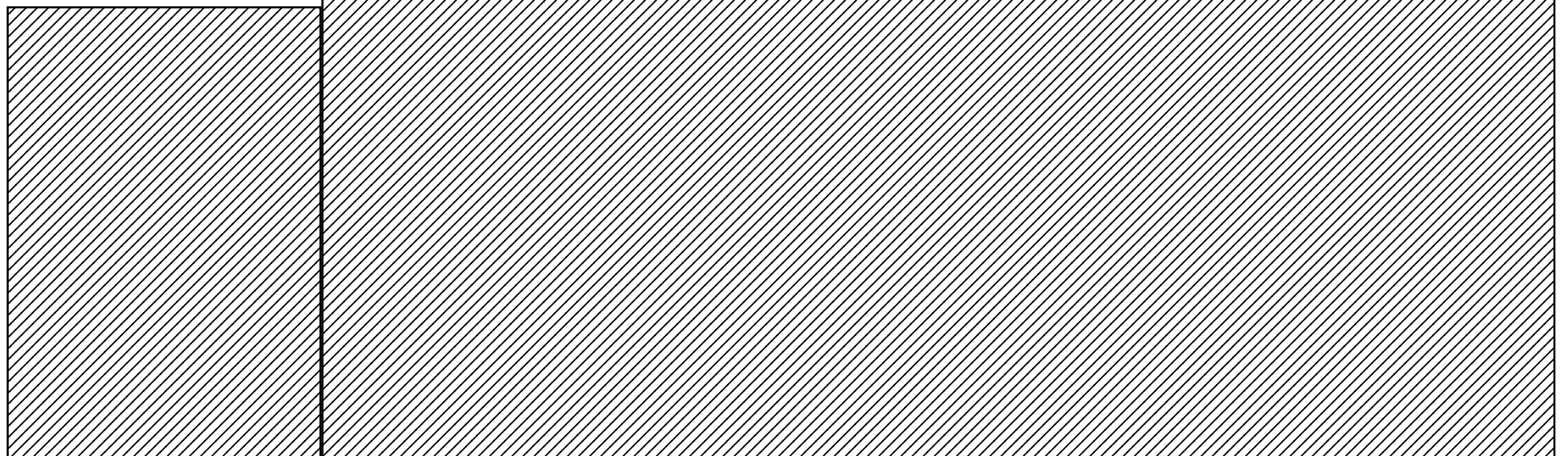
For information regarding Open Continuous Merit Promotion announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>

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For some people, the historic breakout has faded into memory ... faded for some people perhaps, but not for the Marines who were there and felt an injustice had occurred. You see, for all the accolades the Marine Corps received for that operation, they knew they were not alone. There were also several Army units that fought just as bravely and demonstrated just as much valor and "esprit de corps" as their Marine shipmates but were somehow overlooked when the PUC was originally awarded. One such unit was the U.S. Army's 31st Regimental Combat Team. The fact the unit was overlooked did not sit right with the Marine and Navy members of the "Chosin Few."

So what did they do? They did the right thing, of course. They did the Marine thing. They petitioned the Commandant of the Marine Corps to review the original citation to include the heroic members of the 31st Regimental Combat Team who fought so bravely alongside their

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Lola Harris, artillery repair, dismantles parts from an AAV/P7 turret to inspect them for damage and wear.

Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

# Components

## CWC 727 puts all of the parts back together again

By Cpl. Brian Davidson

BARSTOW LOG staff

Some Maintenance Center Barstow employees like to think of the AAV/P7A1 Assault Amphibious Personnel Carrier as a puzzle of sorts, with lots of pieces and pieces for its pieces.

Cost Work Center 727 is named for what its employees know best ... Components.

"Without us they can't put the AAV back together," said Robin Trujillo, artillery repairman.

Parts for the AAV are inspected, rebuilt, fabricated or replaced in Components.

Several stations in Components fix nearly every part attached to the AAV from turrets, air induction systems and plenums to brakes, electrical cables and fuel cells.

The section's sole mission is to support the AAV Repair Line, according Mel Showers, heavy mobile equipment mechanic.

But complying with Industry Standards of Operation-9002 standards to promote Maintenance Center Barstow's effort towards better business practices has its place of importance in the minds of the skilled workers, too.

"We always have plenty of work to do. Plus, we have ISO-related tasks to accomplish like preparing our tools and equipment for the upcoming ISO [9002] inspection," said Trujillo, sorting through the nuts and bolts in his tool chest.

The Components section itself is a prime example of efficiency in effect.

"About two years ago, Components became a part of a new way to do business on the AAV," said Rick Gilmore, supervisor. "It used to be that one person was in charge of [fixing] each component, until we decided that the cost work center had become too large for one person to manage - more than 60 people.

"So, the section was divided into two parts; the AAV Line and Components. Components used to build enough parts to just keep up with the line. Now we are ahead. All of the parts for the AAV are stockpiled in the Material Control Center," noted Gilmore.

Restructuring the section enables it to match and surpass the repair pace of the line and satisfy the needs of supply and demand.

Fixing and stockpiling parts in much the same fashion as blood banks strive to replenish their supplies around the holidays becomes Components' modus operandi each summer.

"Getting the parts stocked to a certain level is important. To keep us at the necessary stock levels employees are on mandatory overtime," said Gilmore. "We are doing 28 hours of overtime per person, per pay period to meet those needs."

Weathering the long hours, continuous work load and better business practices is nothing out of the ordinary for Components workers ... just business as usual.



Bill Hamilton, heavy mobile equipment repair, replaces the seals and gaskets on a fuel cell.



Ronald Jamerson, electro-optics repair, is one of several employees on loan from his work section to help Components fill its work load quota.

Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Reconditioned steering wheels for the AAV/P7 await storage at the Material Control Center.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

(Left) Energy conservation doesn't just apply to gas and electric utilities. Walt Lamora, heavy mobile equipment repair, uses his lunch hour to recharge for the second half of his long work day. Components workers are under mandatory overtime to keep up with the pace of their heavy workload.





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for watering only makes sense. You lose 50 percent of the water to the sun and [the water that] does make it to the ground boils the lawn because of the heat, turning it golden brown."

Other factors like increased temperatures, water consumption by

evaporative coolers, and increased water intake by residents and employees to combat the desert heat compound the problem, according to Emmons.

In an effort to reduce water consumption, officials are looking into converting some areas which are considered nonessential but have greenery to zero landscaping or desert.



# WATER

## Conservation Tips

If all of the planet's water fit into a gallon jug, available fresh water would equal only about a tablespoon.

### Outdoors

A running hose puts out over 10 gallons of water per minute. Use automatic timers and limit lawn watering to actual needs of turf type.

Water during the cooler parts of the day and at night to minimize water evaporation.

Ensure that sprinklers only water grass, not the pavement

Broom sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of hosing them down.

### Indoors

Showers use only a fraction of the water needed to bathe in a tub.

Turn water off while brushing and rinse with a cup.

The average toilet use 5 to 7 gallons of water per flush. Reduce the amount of water used by filling and placing two half-gallon plastic jugs of water inside the toilet tank.

Have plumbing leaks repaired. A leaky faucet that fills a coffee cup in ten minutes will waste an estimated 3,000 gallons of water a year.

Compiled from <http://www.pbs.org/kteh/cadillacdesert/water.html>

Photo illustration by Cpl. Brian Davidson

# Safety in housing top concern

## Base Inspector stresses the importance of prevention and awareness in maintaining a safe community

By Cpl. Brian Davidson

BARSTOW LOG Staff

Major safety concerns in housing have been raised by MSgt. Vanhovel, base inspector, who said he believes the problems are caused by a lack of thoughtfulness.

"I want to get it across to everyone that there are certain things required of them as residents in Base housing," said Vanhovel. Every resident is given a copy of the Base Orders pertaining to their responsibilities.

"I want to reemphasize to residents that this is Marine Corps housing and we are on a Marine Corps Base; as such, there are certain guidelines that may not exist on other services installations."

Vanhovel said he hopes to save residents from the headaches they could encounter as ardent ticketing for housing violations goes into effect. More importantly, making housing a safer place is the primary goal.

No one intends to be a safety violator.

"First and foremost is safety. People need to ask themselves if what they are doing is not only safe for them, but also is it safe for neighbors. 'If I leave this car or lawn mower like this, could someone's child come along and get hurt?'" he posed.

"Residents with wading pools tend to leave them filled with water and accessible to unattended children," said Vanhovel. "No children have drowned as result yet, but we don't want to tempt fate either. It's an accident waiting to happen."

According to the Base Order on Housing, wading pools are restricted in size to 6 feet in diameter and 1 foot deep to limit the potential of drowning and conserve water. The pools must also be emptied and removed from the yard when not in use.

Referring to an article published in last weeks edition of the Barstow Log, where a resident started a fire that could have burned their quarters by discarding a cigarette

butt in a trash can, he noted, "Carelessness can lead to a major incident, especially when kids are involved."

"The last two times I've been through housing I have seen unsupervised children playing in the area. There are a thousand things that could happen to children when they are unsupervised," said Vanhovel.

### "Parents are prohibited from leaving children under the age of nine unattended."

Base Order 11330.1B

Under the base order, parents are prohibited from leaving children under the age of nine unattended. "Small children should not be riding their bicycles without an adult present. They have a tendency to make their way into the streets," said Vanhovel. Not every driver obeys the speed limits all of the time. It only takes one incident."

Other concerns included pet care, parking and trash containers not being properly stowed away. Animal neglect has reared its ugly head once already this summer, according to Vanhovel. The problems arise when pet owners fail to ensure that their pets are properly fed, housed, and given adequate water. Most incidents of animal abuse take place in the summer months, as the pets' watering and housing needs become paramount with the increase in temperature.

"Leaving trash bins on the curb after pickup day is a hazard, both for drivers and children," said Vanhovel.

Concluding with his personal pet peeve Vanhovel noted, "Parking on seeded areas should be avoided at all cost. Greenery is a precious resource in the High Desert. It's an easy fix, and it'll get you a ticket in a hurry."

For information about the Base Order on Housing visit the Base Housing Office or call 577-6872.

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hitting neighborhoods of south central Los Angeles, where he says, "you had to grow up fast."

Becoming a 16-year-old father, he said, "I matured a lot ... real quick."

He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles then spent about a year and a half at Santa Monica College taking general courses and working at Federal Express as a truck loader before joining the Navy's ranks in November 1997.

He completed Basic Training and Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Ill.

Graduating from HCS in May of 1998, he headed to Field Medical Service School at Camp LeJeune, N.C., where he learned to do his job in a combat environment.

Completing the school five months later he packed his seabag again, this time for Portsmouth, Va., to be a student at the Advanced Laboratory School at the Naval School of Health



**HN Mario Torres**

Sciences.

Upon completion of the school he was tested and certified by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists as a Medical Laboratory Technician.

He said being certified by the ASCP is like a lawyer passing the bar exam as he casually leaned back in his Leading Petty Officer's chair. "You can go to work just about anywhere."

Now living it up in MCLB Barstow at 24 years of age, married to the former Lupe Gallardo and raising their eight-year-old son, Carlos, he said he is happy with where he is.

"You strive to be the best you can be. You don't always make it ... but you strive for being the best."

Humbly accepting the role as Junior Sailor of the Quarter for the second (calendar) quarter of 2000, Torres makes a good impression with just about everyone he meets at the BMC, aside from those he has to draw blood from.

Chief Ugochukwu Anosike, had only the best to say about Torres and the way he stepped up to the plate here. "I wasn't surprised at all to see that he won."

"He is just what we need here. His feet hit the ground when he arrived and he just kept on running. [He is] a bright, new prospect and a perfect example of the future of the hospital corps ... a perfect example of the future of the Navy."

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to get out. I have spoken with civilian employees who may have been treated poorly at some point in their career and now believe every supervisor is on a personal vendetta to make their lives miserable.

That is one of the great problems with bitterness. It makes a person a pessimistic skeptic. Although many would like to believe they are justified in their pessimism, the reality is that their behavior is unbiblical.

The apostle Paul was remanded into custody because the people did not like his message. For several years he remained in prison awaiting trial for trumped up charges. Yet Paul was able to write under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, "[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." In the midst of being treated unfairly, Paul was able to say there is no room for pessimism. He knew that he would be less than what God wanted for him if he would hold on to bitterness.

The story of Joseph reminds me that bitterness has no place in the lives of those that say they belong to God.

You may remember, his older brothers sold him into slavery. They told their father a wild animal killed him. He spent years as a slave and

then was put into prison. Eventually, several years later, he became the Prime Minister of Egypt and managed the nation's resources. During a great famine, his brothers came to Egypt for food. When they discovered their brother, whom they had sold into slavery was the Prime Minister, they were afraid for their lives. Joseph's response was classic. "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives" (Genesis 50:20) Joseph could have held a grudge against his brothers, but he recognized God's greater purposes.

When we tend to want to hang onto bitterness for some injustice, perhaps we should search for God's greater purposes. Our greatest healing will occur when we believe that God does have a purpose.

We just need to hang in there until He reveals that to us.

Blessings,  
Chaplain Michener

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Marine comrades. Our Commandant, seeing an oversight, petitioned the Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Richard Danzig. Subsequently, the Presidential Unit Citation previously approved for the 1st Marine Division was amended to include the Army units that were overlooked in the original citation. Acting on behalf of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, MajGen. Arnold Fields, director of the Marine Corps Staff, presented the Presidential Unit Citation to the members of the Army Chapter of the "Chosin Few" at a reunion in Lancaster, Pa., June 10.

Part of the citation reads as follows: "For extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance in action against enemy aggressor forces in the Chosin Reservoir and Koto-ri from 27 November to 11 December 1950."

For their part, "The 31st RCT fought a delaying action against two full Chinese Divisions, and possibly an

additional Chinese regiment, holding back the overwhelming enemy from their advance on highly vulnerable Hagaru-ri until the bulk of the 1st Marine Division from Yudam-ni on the reservoir west shore could reach and secure this critical logistics facility and staging area ..."

Many Marines played a role in getting this award for the 31st RCT, not the least of whom were John Gray, Gen. Ray Davis (ret.), LtGen. A. L. Bowser (ret.), Army LtGen. W.J. McCaffrey (ret.), and last, but not least, Col. Robert E. Parrott (ret.), acting on behalf of the president of the headquarters of the "Chosin Few" organization.

Why did all these men spend so much of their time to see an award given for an action that took place so many years ago?

What drives men to do the right thing? Not sometimes, not when the spirit moves them or for personal gain?

What makes men do things that

others might overlook or push aside as being too tough or not worth the effort?

I personally believe it's the Marine spirit that does it.

I believe in my heart that it's the Marine traits of esprit de corps, integrity, our Core Values of Honor, Courage and Commitment, and the idea of putting others before yourself, that is beat into our hearts by our drill instructors or sergeant instructors at Parris Island, S.C., San Diego and Quantico, Va. It is these traits, constantly reinforced by good old leadership, and the love of country and Corps in the Fleet Marine Force, that do it. I believe it is placed there and is carried with us until we see Heaven's gates.

God bless the United States, our beloved Corps, and the Marines, sailors, soldiers and air-men who fought in the Korean War.

You were, and are, magnificent warriors and our heroes.







**By Jim Gaines**  
MCCS Publicity

The NCO/Enlisted Club will be celebrating Marine Appreciation Night. The celebration includes spades, pool, a dart tournament and much

more. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 577-6495.

**Semper Fit offers Aerobic and Cardio-Kickboxing classes**

Both classes are held at the Base Gym in the Aerobics Room.

Aerobic classes are held Monday through Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The instructor is Gina Galbraith. The cost is \$20 per month or a \$2 walk-in fee.

Cardio-Kickboxing classes are held Monday and Wednesday only, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Your instructor is Stephanie Jeffery. The cost is \$15

per month or a \$2 walk-in fee.

For more information call 577-6971 or 577-6817.

Get fit and have fun doing it. Sign up today for either class or both – and feel better tomorrow.

**Military Fest 2000 at SeaWorld**

SeaWorld will celebrate Military Fest 2000 Saturday.

Get these low-priced tickets while they last. Time and tickets are running out.

Tickets cost \$37.50 for adults and \$29 for children – the tickets include admission, parking and food.

Enjoy all of SeaWorld attractions

from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. plus delicious food all at a special low price with SeaWorld's tribute to the military on Military Fest 2000.

Tickets are available at Information, Tickets and Tours, Building 342 (Bowling Center) from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Call ITT at 577-6541 for more information.

Tickets are also available at the Bowling Center from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call the Bowling Center at 577-6264 regarding ticket pickup.

**Save at the MCX August Sale**

The August Sale is underway at the Exchange.

Ten percent off all clothing, 10 percent off assorted perfumes, 10 percent off Genesis nutrition products, and 10 percent off assorted grills.

TV specials: Sharp 27", \$259.99; JVC 27", 299.99; JVC 32", \$499.99; RCA 32", \$499.99.

Sound investments: assorted boom boxes 5 percent off; JVC audio/video stereo receiver, \$299.99; Blaupunkt 10"/12" subwoofer, \$54.99/\$59.99.

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** – Teriyaki beef and rice.

**Friday** – Hoki fish.

**Monday** – Italian sausage & peppers with rice.

**Tuesday** – Turkey a la King.

**Wednesday** – Beef tips & noodles.

**Thursday** – Stuffed pork chops.

All above meals served with coffee, tea or soft drink.

Lunch is served Monday through Friday at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lunch is served Monday through Friday at the Cactus Cafe from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

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.

Call 577-6428 for more details.

**Family Night Dinner menu**

**Tonight** – Taco Night!

**Next week** – Chicken Dinner!

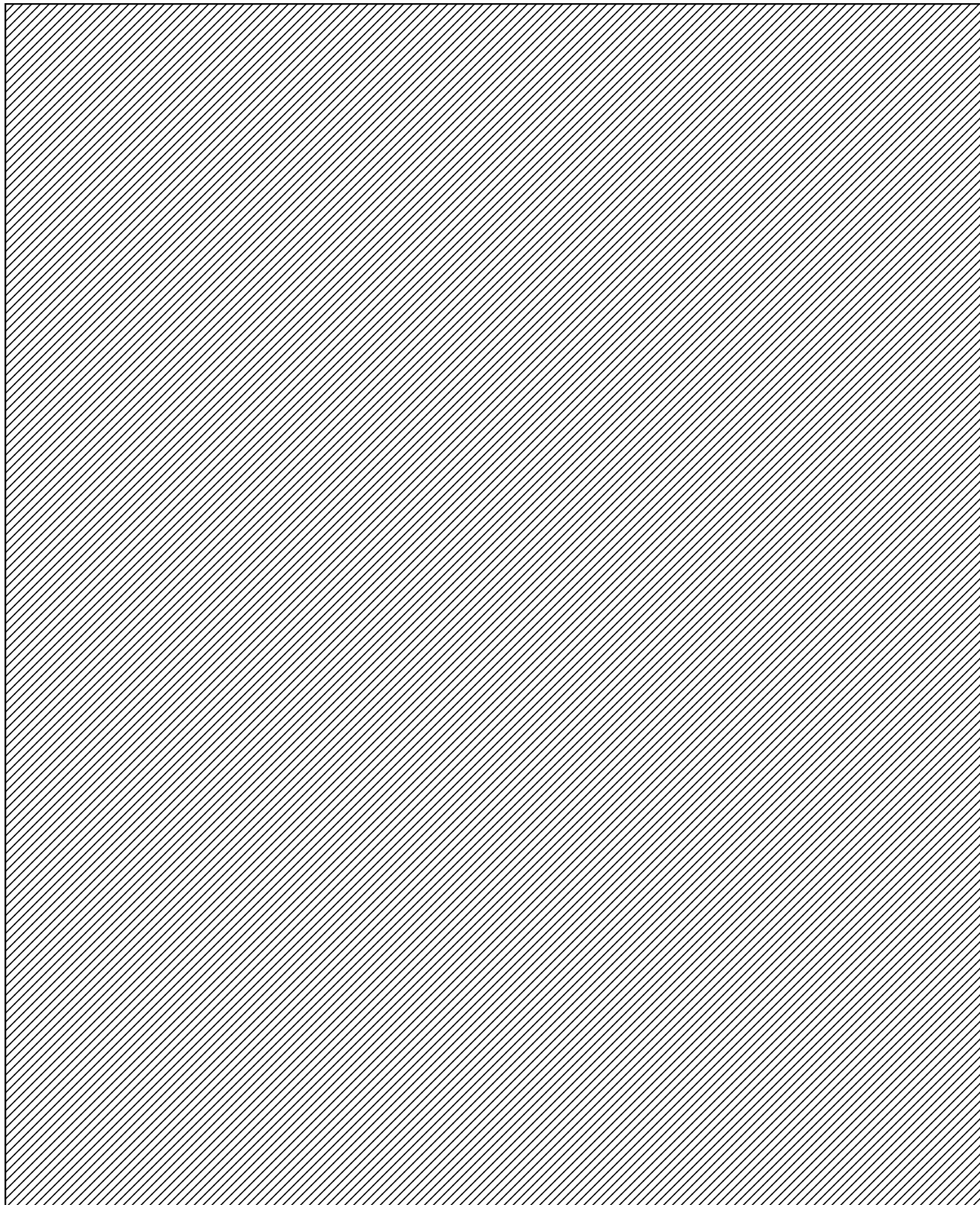
Family Night dinners are served Thursday evenings from 4:30 to 7:30 at the Family Restaurant

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.

**Marine Appreciation Night**

Mark your calendar for Wednesday night, August 16.



# SPORTS

## Base soccer team falls to 29 Palms' 3rd AAV

By LCpl. Cory Kelly  
BARSTOW LOG staff

The MCLB Soccer Team took on the 3rd Amphibious Assault Vehicle's Team Wednesday night at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., and lost 9-0, bringing this season's record to nil and 3.

The first two games of the season, sporting about three-quarters the manpower of the average team, Barstow got hung up playing defense most of the time. And according to John Ross, coach, they played, "some very good defense." This go 'round just wasn't the same; 3rd AAV's Gilberto Rodrigues gave the first of

nine blows to Barstow's own six minutes into the first half.

Ernie Mena, goalie for the first half, and the rest of the 'defensive line' did their best to fend off the attackers, but lack of team work as well as some other key factors showed on the scoreboard.

Third AAV's Dario Lanyi drove two more in right after Rodrigues. Then came William Gibbins, kicking one in from the side about 20 minutes into the game. This came right after the referee pulled the coaches aside threatening to stop the game if language of the more vulgar nature continued to be the most fluent tongue on the field.

In the spirit of aggressive sports,

only happy, good-natured comments were made by coaches and players alike throughout the rest of the game.

Third AAV's Lanyi closed off the first half floating this third and last of the day past Mena.

Opening up 'the can' in the second half was 3rd AAV's Sartak Marty followed shortly thereafter by David Mackelvey who blasted one past Barstow's goalkeeper for the second half, Joe Wynne.

Henry Andino, 3rd AAV's forward, got one past at the ten minute mark and Jerson Alvarez got the last one of the game with two minutes left on the clock.

There was one very large difference

between this loss and the first two of the season . . . this time the team had enough players to cover the whole field, which seems to be a major accomplishment for them, according to team members.

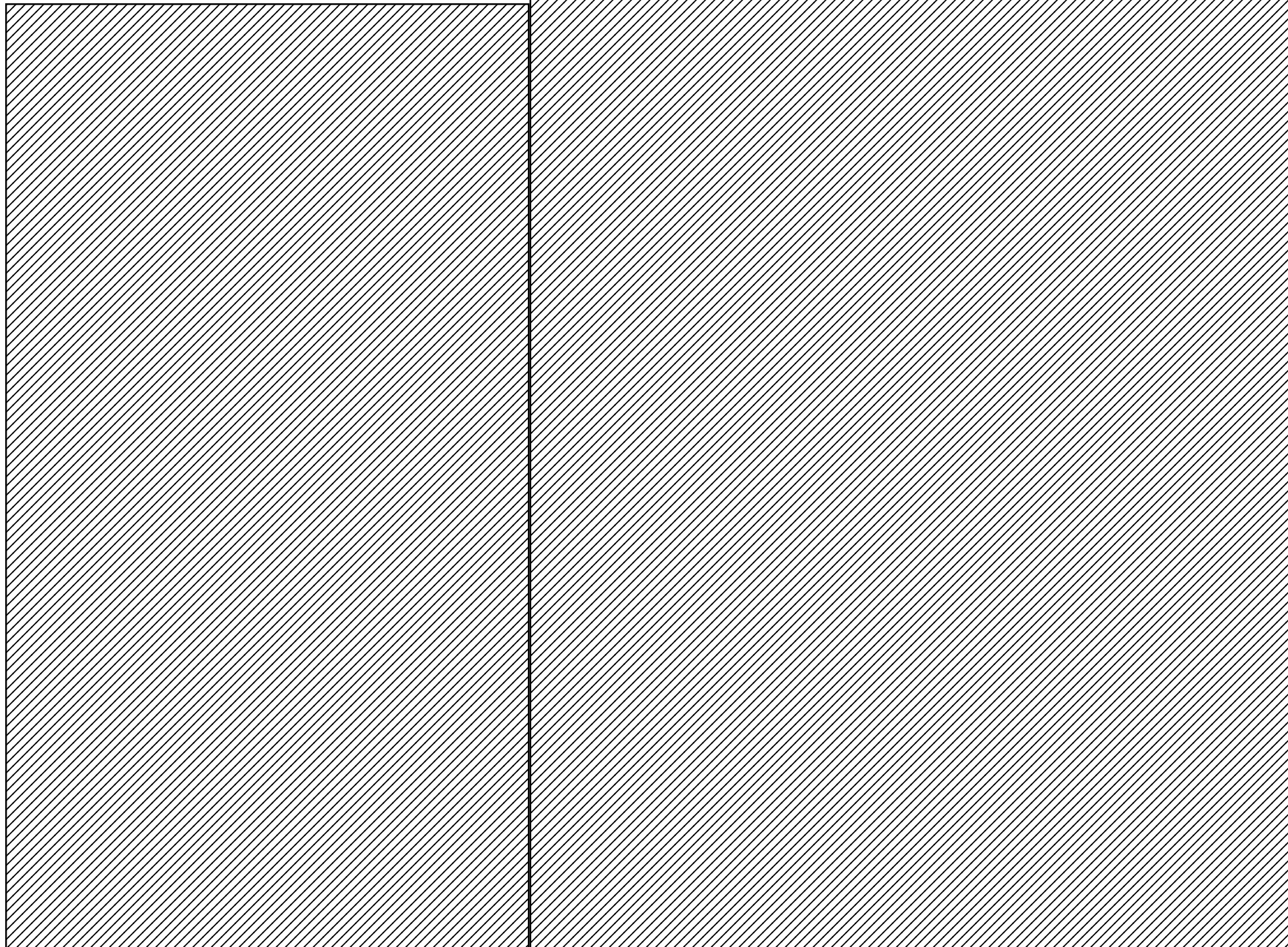
The most apparent problem on the field as they defended goal after goal was there were too many 'chiefs' and not enough 'indians' to keep the wolves at bay.

The team seemed to be successfully yet unsuccessfully playing an offense-oriented game. Barstow kept the ball on 3rd AAV's side of the field the majority of the game, but the problem was they couldn't manage to score a goal.

According to Kyran Ramcharan, forward, the Barstow team hasn't scored a goal in quite a long time. He said he believes it to be more than half a decade since Barstow's counterparts have pushed it to the back of the opposing teams' nets. Others disagree claiming it hasn't been that long.

Ross, coaching for the first year at Barstow with about 15 years of experience in the game, isn't worried about how the team used to be, he is looking at what he can make of the team now. He said, "We have some good people, It just seems that when our offense tightens up, our defense loosens . . . and vice-versa. We're getting there though."

Anyone who wants to play for the base soccer team is invited to do so. Contact LCpl. John H. Ross III at the S-1 shop in Battalion Headquarters, Building 302, or call Sgt. Karl C. Garrison at 577-7213/7181.





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

**1968 CHEVY:** ¾-ton pickup, 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.

**CAMPER SHELL:** For long bed small truck \$50, carpet kit \$75, both for \$100. Good condition. Call 252-3011 Lv msg.

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

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**MOTORCYCLE:** 1990 Kawasaki 500 ProCircuit pipe, baja skid plate, Renthal bars many extras, \$2,000. Call 256-6103.

**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.

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

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

**YARD SALE:** 36045 Skyview, Yermo, August 5 and 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Furniture, treadmill, collector and Volksmarch plates, super Nintendo and 64 games. Call 254-3731.

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Barstow Chamber of Commerce, 256-8617.

**HRSC SW e-mail**

Employees may communicate with the Human Resources Service Center Southwest Benefits and Performance Division through e-mail.

Direct inquiries and requests for forms or information to [benefits@sw.hroc.navy.mil](mailto:benefits@sw.hroc.navy.mil). This provides another mechanism for employees to communicate their benefits needs and concerns at a time that is convenient for them. The Benefits Line is staffed Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Voice mail messaging is available after hours.

The Benefits phone number is (619) 615-5554, DSN 245, or call toll free 1-800-831-0622 ext. 5554.

**New Parent Support Program**

Playmorning is Monday 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.

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