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Employment-training program being offered to base employees

By Cpl. Brian Davidson

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Marine Corps Community Services–Personal Services Division is offering a series of employment training programs to all base employees beginning Tuesday at 8 a.m. at the Oasis Club.

The program, designed to prepare members of the federal work force for career changes, was originally offered to Defense Logistics Agency employees and, more recently, Installation and Logistics Department personnel here.

Attendees are instructed in a step-by-step approach to help them gain skills used by thousands of other employees affected by downsizing, reorganization, realignment and A-76 studies, according to a PSD press release. Identifying personal strengths, work-related values and clarifying short and long term goals are some of the tasks attendees complete. Also, topics such as Resumix, financial planning, job search preparation and finding hidden opportunities in the private and federal sectors will be addressed by subject matter experts.

Each session consists of four class dates scheduled Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants complete 32 hours of classroom instruction, in addition to individual course tasks to be completed at home.

All base employees are eligible to attend the workshop. However, participation is limited to 80 people, and enrollment is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations to take part in this training must be submitted through division training coordinators.

The training package offered by PSD is one of the more comprehensive programs in the Western Pacific Region, according to Chuck Ashbrook, PSD career resource center program manager, who said he believes

it is more in-depth than similar training taking place at other installations undergoing A-76 studies.

"We are trying to accumulate and utilize every resource that is available to these people to prepare them for what may lie ahead," said Ashbrook.

William Boxx, Personal Services director, recently returned from a Marine Forces Pacific Human Resources Briefing conference where the focal point was preparing federal employees affected by A-76 and government downsizing for career transitions.

"Our training package was very well received," noted Boxx. "The major briefs were given by Human Resources personnel who said what services they provide and the needs they have that are still not being met.

"We told how we are filling the voids by providing the counseling and transitional services, and our integrated approach solution. An integrated approach involves stress reduction, the financial side of the house, and, of course, job-search and job-finding skills – the primary focus of the training.

"There were a lot of questions in regard to how we integrated the current services that we have aboard to accommodate our civilian employees," said Boxx.

Inquiries came from Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., wanting to get more information and assistance in setting up a similar training system, and also from elements at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., who asked questions about specific elements of the program here, according to Boxx.

The training formats for each of the three cycles conducted by PSD change based on the needs of the

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Photo courtesy of Cpl. Pete Voss, MCRD San Diego Public Affairs Office

The Mounted Color Guard renders honors at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego Friday. Riders were (from l to r) Cpl. Spencer E. Denbo, Right Guard, Cpl. Jim L. Richardson, National Ensign, Cpl. Michael G. McGee, Marine Corps Colors and LCpl. Herbie A. Flatt, Left Guard.

College: It doesn't have to hurt the wallet

By LCpl. Cory Kelly

BARSTOW LOG staff

Sparing enough time to get a head start on a secondary education is hard enough, but prying open the wallet to pay for a history book here and a calculus book there is even harder.

It seems as though, when the schedule is full, the pocketbook is empty – especially for those banking lance corporal, corporal or even sergeant pay while supporting a family. To help with the hurt on the pocketbook, there are a couple of things one should know when signing up to take some courses at a California community college.

For one, know who you are in their eyes.

For the purposes of community colleges, being active duty military or a family member within the state of California automatically makes you a resident of California. This is good for the service member, but, after a year, it is not so good for the family members of that Marine or Sailor who would also like to continue their education.

A one-year grace period exists for family members which classifies them as California residents, but after that grace period they "... must demonstrate both intent and physical presence to extend resident classification," according to Barstow College's residency guidelines.

"Spouses and any other family members must change their residency [to California] if they plan on going to school for more than a year," Della King, Barstow College's financial aid officer said.

Being a resident of California definitely has its advantages when it comes time to foot the bill. Mainly because a California resident's bill won't be nearly as large as that of an out-of-state student. In all actuality, a resident's yearly cost of classes, assuming they take 24 semester hours worth of courses and there is no tuition assistance, is about \$3,120 lighter than that of an out-of-state student.

Next, is to know what grants, waivers and tuition assistance programs to apply for.

Like the Board of Governors Waiver, which if applicable, is used in place of the 75 percent tuition assistance available to service members.

"The waiver covers the \$11 enrollment fee for each unit," King said.

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Today's 'Generation-X' getting a bad rap

By **SgtMaj. Robert W. Holub**
Marine Forces Pacific

January 8, I had the honor of reviewing the Marine graduation at Marines Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. As I stood there watching the newest generation of Marines proudly passing in review, I remarked to SgtMaj. Craig W. Fairbanks, the depot sergeant major, how young the Marines looked. With a smile he looked at me and said, "How do you think we looked when we were 17?"

That statement hit home to me because it made me think about the way we who have been around the Marine Corps for a few years tend to view our younger Marines. We have a tendency not to remember what we were really like at 17 or 18 years old, but rather how we wish we would have been. We like to remember how our own training was the hardest thing ever done and at the same time we have a tendency to downplay the current training as less than challenging.

Former Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, SgtMaj. Harold "Gene" Overstreet, once said something like, "Our own memories of ourselves tend to become distorted a bit as we get older."

The truth is, we were all a bit rough around the edges and in need of some old-fashioned discipline to get us on the right path in

There isn't a thing wrong with this generation of Marines or any other one throughout our history. It is up to the current leadership to challenge, lead by example, and support our Corps as we try to improve an already outstanding organization.

our early days in the Corps. Criticism of today's Marines and their training by the previous generation of Marines is not new. It has been around for years. The saying "You should have been here in the old Corps" has been around since Nov. 11, 1775.

Marines enlisting Nov. 10 said it to those who enlisted Nov. 11.

A survey done at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island asked drill instructors their opinion of incoming recruits' quality. The results were rather startling. Those Marines surveyed felt the recruits they were training were undisciplined, unpatriotic and in the worst physical condition they had ever seen. They also said most had little or no drive to get anything accomplished, and they were

wasting too much time to train these feather merchants.

Those same drill instructors also said the boot camp their recruits were undergoing was far less stressful and physically demanding than recruit training they had undergone.

If you were to take this survey at face value, it would lead you to believe that the Marine Corps had gone soft wouldn't it? Some would jump on this as concrete proof and say something like, "I knew it! Those Generation-Xers are getting over," or "Yeah, I know they ain't as tough today as they were back in the 'old Corps.'"

Guess when the survey was done? 1998? 1978? How about 1966? Sorry, but you'll have to go all the way back to 1956! Isn't it amazing that what was being said about the recruits in 1956 is the same thing being said by some about our present-day recruits? Why is that?

For the life of me I will never understand why each generation of Marines must somehow find fault with the generation that succeeds it. I trained recruits from 1975 to 1978 as a drill instructor, and watched them being trained from 1996 to 1998 as a sergeant major. To me, there is nothing wrong or weak about our present-day Marines, the training they receive or their discipline.

I've seen our outstanding Marines on recruiting duty. They find

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What do you value?

By **LCdr. Bill Steele**
Chaplain, Headquarters and Service Battalion, MCRD Parris Island

All the success gurus of the current day say that in order to achieve our goals we need to write them down. We need to develop action steps that enable us to little by little accomplish that which we most desire. This is clearly evident in the military. There are certain things you need to do in order to progress. Without these tickets punched you can't expect to get promoted. You NEED the good jobs. Unfortunately the "good" jobs often take us away from the families we value and cherish so much. Question. Where will you be in 50 years? How much difference will the things you have spent your time doing matter then?

In Ephesians 6 we read the passage that says "Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right ..." Many of us are very familiar

with this verse. We use it with our kids all the time. And we expect obedience from our children, as well we should. However, the next verse is one we tend to breeze right by. "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up on the training and admonition of the Lord." What does it mean to provoke your children to wrath? Some translations say, "Do not exasperate your children."

Today we are seeing the results of exasperated children more and more. Children who have been expected to make it on their own without the guidance of godly fathers and mothers who value the child's training above their own pleasures. Kids are killing kids in school, drug use is on the rise, and the number of kids who flat-out rebel against their parents is alarming. Now I am not trying to lay a guilt trip on you, but I need to ask you, "What is it

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Just doing my job ...



Safety Beaver

"Even if you were born to do a job, it doesn't necessarily mean that you're going to automatically do it safely. Remember that no matter how many times you've done a job before, be sure to think the whole thing through before you start."

"You've carefully thought out all the angles. You've done it a thousand times. It comes naturally to you. You know what you're doing, it's what you've been trained to do your whole life. Nothing could possibly go wrong, right? Right? Think again."

Contributed by: *Garry N Klaus, MARCORSSYSCOM PSE Contractor*

Chapel Hours

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Catholic Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Confession services before Mass

The new Religious Ministries Center is being dedicated September 10 at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Navy Capt. George Paul, Chaplain, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, is the scheduled guest speaker.

Yermo Bible Study

Wednesday 11 - 11:30 a.m.
At the **Colonel's Workshop**
For more info call
Don Brooks at 577-7165.



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"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.

Marine Corps Ball

Tickets for the 225th Marine Corps Birthday Ball are on sale now until October 15.

The Ball is taking place at the Primmadonna Resort and Hotel in Primm, Nevada. Cocktails are at 6 p.m. followed by the ceremony at 7 and dinner at 8. Colonel Mark A. Costa, base commander, is the featured speaker this year.

Prices this year are \$120 per couple with hotel room, \$85 per individual with hotel room, or \$40 per individual without hotel room. Hotel room packages include breakfast November 12. Ball tickets must be purchased by October 15, and Marine Corps Ball Committee personnel handle the reservations.

For more info, or to purchase tickets, contact one of the following:

Name	Phone
1stSgt. C.J. Allen III	577-6700
SSgt. J.L. Daly, Jr.	577-6062
SSgt. G.S. Duplechain	577-6708
SSgt. D.M. Knolle	577-7353

Holiday Closures

The Commissary is closed Sep-

tember 5 to observe Labor Day. It reopens September 6.

Battalion Headquarters at Building 302 will close September 1 at noon until September 5 at noon. The Identification Card Section will close at 3:30 pm. on September 1 and reopen at regular hours September 5.

The rear gate at the Nebo Annex will close at noon on September 1 and reopen at noon on September 5.

The Vehicle Pass and Registration Office will close at noon on September 1 and reopen at noon on September 5.

The Branch Medical and Dental clinics are closing September 4 and 5.

The Hobby Shops, Bowling Center, and ITT office are closed Sunday.

All MCCS services will be suspended Monday except for the Family Restaurant which will be open for breakfast and lunch with menu service only; the Main Exchange/7-Day Store is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Tees and Trees is

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Semper Fi bottles

1stSgt. Charles Allen is taking orders for Marine Corps commemora-

tive wine bottles. These wine bottles are engraved with the Eagle, Globe and Anchor on a hand-painted scarlet background. This is truly a collector's item and a must-have for any active duty, reserve or retired Marine.

Allen has a sample bottle at his office in Building 302. Call him at 577-6700 or stop by before September 8.

Military Mixer

The Veterans Home of California - Barstow is holding the Military Mixer September 14 at 6:30 p.m.

MCLB Barstow, the Military Affairs Committee of the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, and the National Training at Fort Irwin have co-hosted the mixer for more than 10 years.

The Military Mixer presents the opportunity for all military ranks and civilians from all walks of life to get better acquainted in a friendly social setting.

Advance sale tickets are \$12 for officer, enlisted (E-6 and above), and civilians. Junior enlisted (E-1 through E-5) tickets are \$7. All other tickets, excluding "will call" are \$15 at the door.

Tickets may be purchased at: Veterans Home, 252-6288; Chamber of Commerce, 256-8617; Fort Irwin Public Affairs, 380-4511; or MCLB Barstow Public Affairs, 577-6430. Arrange for "will call" tickets at 256-8617.

Meet new people, make new friends, strengthen community relationships - attend the Military Mixer, you'll be glad you did.

Wellness Program

The first enrollment period of the base Wellness Program closes September 8. Pick up a pre-enrollment package at Semper Fit, Bldg. 44, or

Bldg. 582. Participants must obtain approval from their supervisor to complete three one-hour weekly sessions for six months. Some sessions require class participation.

The next open enrollment period is November 10 through December 20.

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

Main Street USA Run

The 2nd Annual Main Street USA Run is scheduled for September 9 and 10 and benefits the Boys and Girls Club of Barstow and other local charities.

This year's run features a Saturday Poker Run, Main Street Cruise, and a concert in the Robert A. Sessions Memorial SportsPark by Papa Doo Run Run. ITT has concert tickets.

The Car Show is Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and features pre-1974 cars, trucks, Harley Davidson motorcycles and Volkswagens.

More than 300 classic cars are expected to be on Main Street Barstow - Route 66.

For info call Wayne Soppeland, 256-5760; Lee Folden, 253-5585; or Dennis Jones, 252-0150.

Tom Peters

The Civilian Leadership Development Program is sponsoring a trip to see Management Consultant Tom Peters at the San Diego Concourse September 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This workshop is for managers, supervisors, enrolled CLD participants and their mentors. Government transportation is provided, or attendees may use their personal

JOB WATCH

Ann No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEA-342-00	Animal Caretaker (MVO) WG-5048-06	08-09-00	09-06-00	08-23-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-411-00	Equipment Cleaner WG-7009-05 (Term NTE 366 days)	08-24-00	11-30-00	09-14-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-411-00	Painter Helper WG4102-05 (Term NTE 366 days)	08-24-00	11-30-00	09-14-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-411-00	Motor Vehicle Operator WG-5703-08 (Term NTE 366 days)	08-24-00	11-30-00	09-14-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-411-00	Heavy Mobile Equipment Repair/Mechanic WG-5803-5/8/10 (Term NTE 366 days)	08-24-00	11-30-00	09-14-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-411-00	Instrument Mechanic WG-3359-11 (Term NTE 366 days)	08-24-00	11-30-00	09-14-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-411-00	Preservation Servicer WG-7006-07 (Term NTE 366 days)	08-24-00	11-30-00	09-14-00	MCLB Barstow
DEA-411-00	Materials Handler WG-6907-5/6 (Term NTE 366 days)	08-24-00	11-30-00	09-14-00	MCLB Barstow
OTR-107-00	Computer Specialist GS-0334-09 (Temp NTE one year)	08-09-00	09-06-00	08-23-00	MCLB Barstow
OTR-109-00	Equipment Cleaner WG-7009-05 (Temp NTE one year)	08-24-00	10-30-00	09-22-00	MCLB Barstow
OTR-109-00	Preservation Servicer WG-7006-07 (Temp NTE one year)	08-24-00	10-30-00	09-22-00	MCLB Barstow
OTR-109-00	Motor Vehicle Operator WG-7503-08 (Temp NTE one year)	08-24-00	10-30-00	09-22-00	MCLB Barstow
OTR-109-00	Heavy Mobile Equipment Repair/Mechanic WG-5803-5/8/10 (Temp NTE one year)	08-24-00	10-30-00	09-22-00	MCLB Barstow
OTR-109-00	Painter Helper WG4102-05 (Temp NTE one year)	08-24-00	10-30-00	09-22-00	MCLB Barstow
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Applicants interested in announcements beginning with DEA or OTR should submit their resume to:

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

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

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

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

ASMC sponsoring training session, luncheon

By GySgt. Frank Patterson
Public Affairs Chief

The American Society of Military Comptrollers is sponsoring a Financial Management training session and luncheon September 14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oasis Club.

The luncheon promises to be informative and may lead to a rewarding future for anyone who deals with a budget, according to Lou Ann Presley, base budget analyst and

ASMC member.

"I'm not saying that having this training will get you a promotion," said Presley, "but it could give you a step up when competing for a position as a government worker."

The training consists of three one-hour modules covering different aspects of financial management; Resource management Environment, Budget and Cost Analysis, and Accounting and Finance. Each module provides a broad overview of core com-

petencies that must be mastered to successfully complete their respective certification exams.

Frank Arcari, Associate Director for Certification, ASMC National Headquarters, will present the modules. Arcari currently teaches a graduate course in governmental accounting at the University of Virginia. He is responsible for the development of the Enhanced Defense Financial Management training course being offered through the United States Department of Agriculture Graduate School to the Department of Defense.

"The classes Mr. Arcari gives can help people prepare for the Certified Defense Financial Manager exam," said Presley. "CDFM is a comprehensive certification program designed to enhance your knowledge, develop your skills, and provide you with the professional edge to advance your career."

"These classes are targeted for financial personnel, supervisors/managers, and employees interested in learning more about financial management and the CDFM program," said Marva Johnson, employee development officer, Human Resources Office.

"This is not just for ASMC members and managers," noted Connie Lewellyn, budget analyst and ASMC member. "It's for anyone who works with a budget or even has the slightest interest in government finance."

Submit requests to attend the training sessions through immediate supervisors to the department training coordinator. Each coordinator will submit requests to the Employee Development Office by September 1.

The ASMC luncheon is scheduled for September 14 at the Oasis Club.

Lunch is a choice of Prime Rib, mashed potatoes and gravy or Chef Salad. There will be coffee or tea to drink.

The luncheon costs \$6, and advance paid reservations are required by September 11.

Contact the following personnel for tickets:

Name	Phone
Connie Lewellyn	577-6596
Randy Meyer	577-6366
Sophia Cisnero	577-6140
Lou Ann Presley	577-6636
Billie Reed	577-7875
1stLt. John Norris	577-6726

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So instead of paying out of pocket the \$2.75 per unit that tuition assistance doesn't cover, the BOG Waiver pays the whole lot.

"The things it doesn't cover are stuff like class field trips, books and other things like that," King said.

"[The waiver] is geared mainly toward low-income families; but a lot of people that are eligible, don't realize it.

"When they file by income and household size there are set figures for who qualifies. A person with no dependents has to have made less than \$12,260 last year. If they had made one dollar more than that in 1999, they would no longer be eligible to receive the funds.

"Someone with three dependents can make up to \$20,820, so it varies for the size of the household," King continued.

Lance Cpl. James Rogers, military policeman, and his wife are enrolled at Barstow College this semester. "My wife and I didn't make that much last year, so we qualified for the [BOG] waiver. It helps out a lot.

"I think it's great. I just pick the classes I want to take ... and take them," Rogers said. "I don't have to worry about where the money is coming from.

"Plus qualifying for the [BOG] waiver almost automatically qualifies you for a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid], and if you get that ... that pays for all your books. Together our books would have cost my wife and I more than \$400 this semester, and that's all taken care of with the FAFSA."

"The [FAFSA] basically picks up everything that the [BOG] waiver doesn't pay for," King said.

Before plunging into some classes, take the time to figure out where you stand, and what kind of financial aid you qualify for. Because chances are ... the government's 75 percent tuition assistance is just the tail end of them,

according to Rogers.

For more information about the financial aid assistance available to you call Della King, Barstow College Financial Aid Officer, at 252-2411 Ext. 7205 or Rich Johnston, base education officer, in Battalion Headquarters Building 302 at 577-6188.

Work-related classes mean work-related funding

If you are an Operations and Maintenance employee and you are taking mission-related courses, you may also be eligible to receive tuition reimbursement from base O&M funds, according to Marva Johnson, employee development officer.

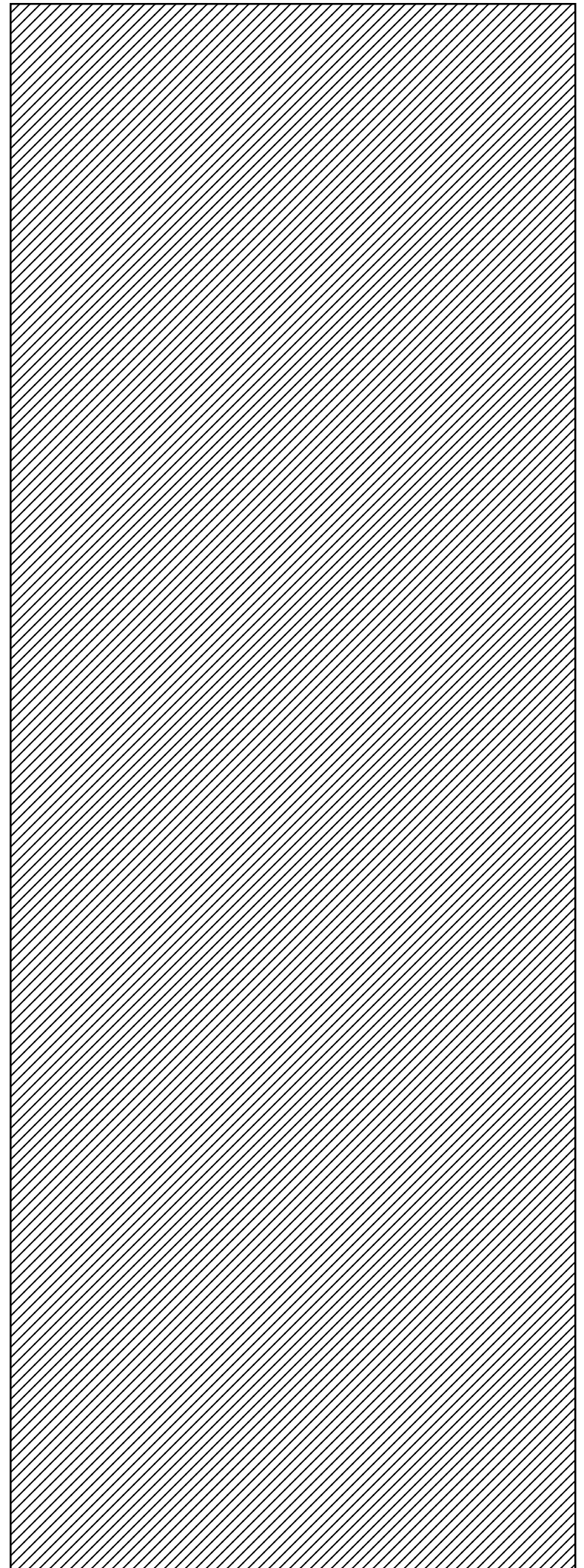
"The funds are available to all O & M employees through the Tuition Reimbursement Program," she said. "The Tuition Reimbursement Program is an excellent opportunity for employees to complete college-level coursework while improving individual and organizational performance."

The program covers tuition and book costs for classes taken from accredited institutions

during non-duty hours. Funds are normally received prior to the start of the class and successful completion of the class (grade 'C' or higher), according to Johnson.

The flip side of this program is that employees who would like to take advantage of the funds cannot receive any other form of tuition assistance. So if for some reason an employee completed a course with a grade 'D' instead of a 'C' or higher, that person would not receive the tuition reimbursement funds.

For more information about the Tuition Reimbursement Program call Marva Johnson, Employee Development Officer, at 577-6965.



Top 10 Reasons to Buckle Up

10. My car doesn't have an ejection canopy.
9. Lying in a hospital for months is not my idea of a vacation.
8. Steering wheels don't make good pillows.
7. I never aspired to be a hood ornament.
6. A wheelchair is not my idea of a hot set of wheels.
5. I always wanted to fly, but not into a tree.
4. Tombstones are not the best way to get the last word.
3. I always hated statistics. The last thing I'd want is to be one.
2. I faint at the sight of blood, especially my own.
1. My family needs me.

If the first one doesn't get you ...

Submitted by Janice C. Neukam
Base Safety Office

Contrary to popular opinion, people don't die in automobile crashes. They die from a separate event, one that is caused by the automobile crash. It is called "the human collision." This collision is a second crash that usually takes place inside the car as the occupant hits the dashboard, windshield, or other interior car parts. And just as the car crushes and breaks when it hits a tree, the human body crushes and breaks when it hits a steering wheel.

The Problem

When the car crashes, it stops, but the human body inside continues to move. It keeps

going until it hits something harder. This is where the injuries and deaths occur.

Nothing can prevent the second collision. The only thing that can be done is to reduce its severity. Fortunately, there is a device designed for that purpose called a *seat belt*

sometimes referred to as the "*Life Belt*."

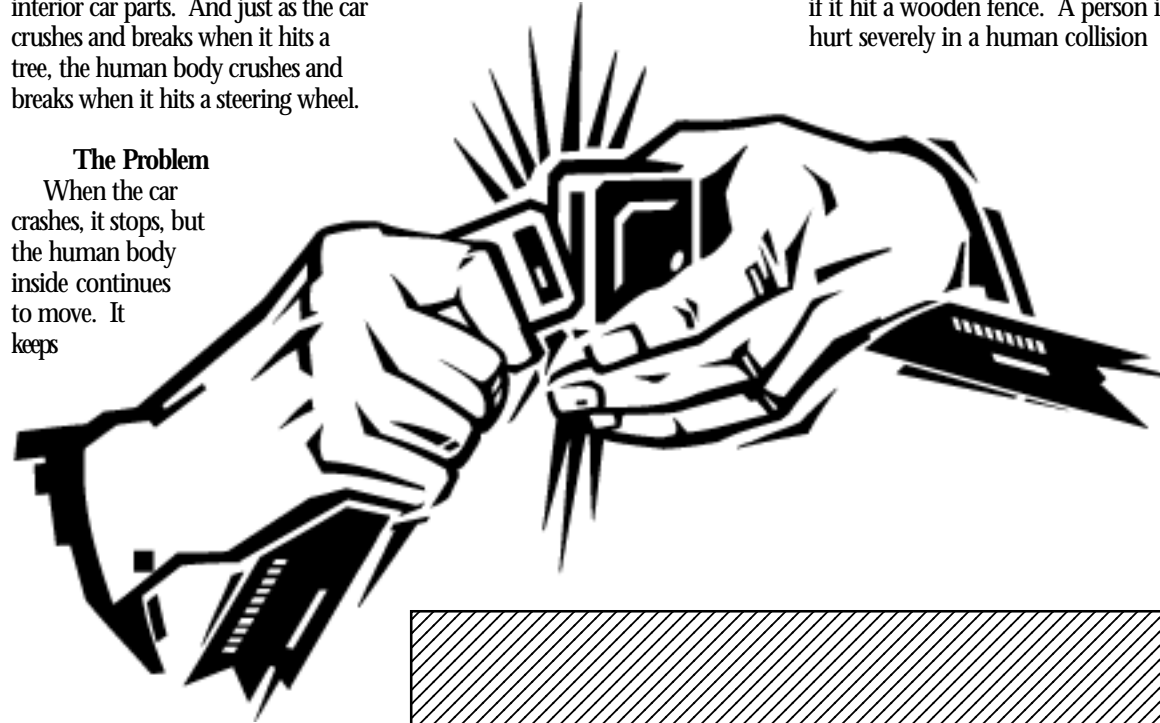
The seatbelt gives the body something softer, more "friendly" to hit than the hard, unyielding surfaces of metal and plastic inside the car.

Crashing into a bridge abutment, a car would sustain severe damage, but it would suffer a lot less if it hit a wooden fence. A person is hurt severely in a human collision

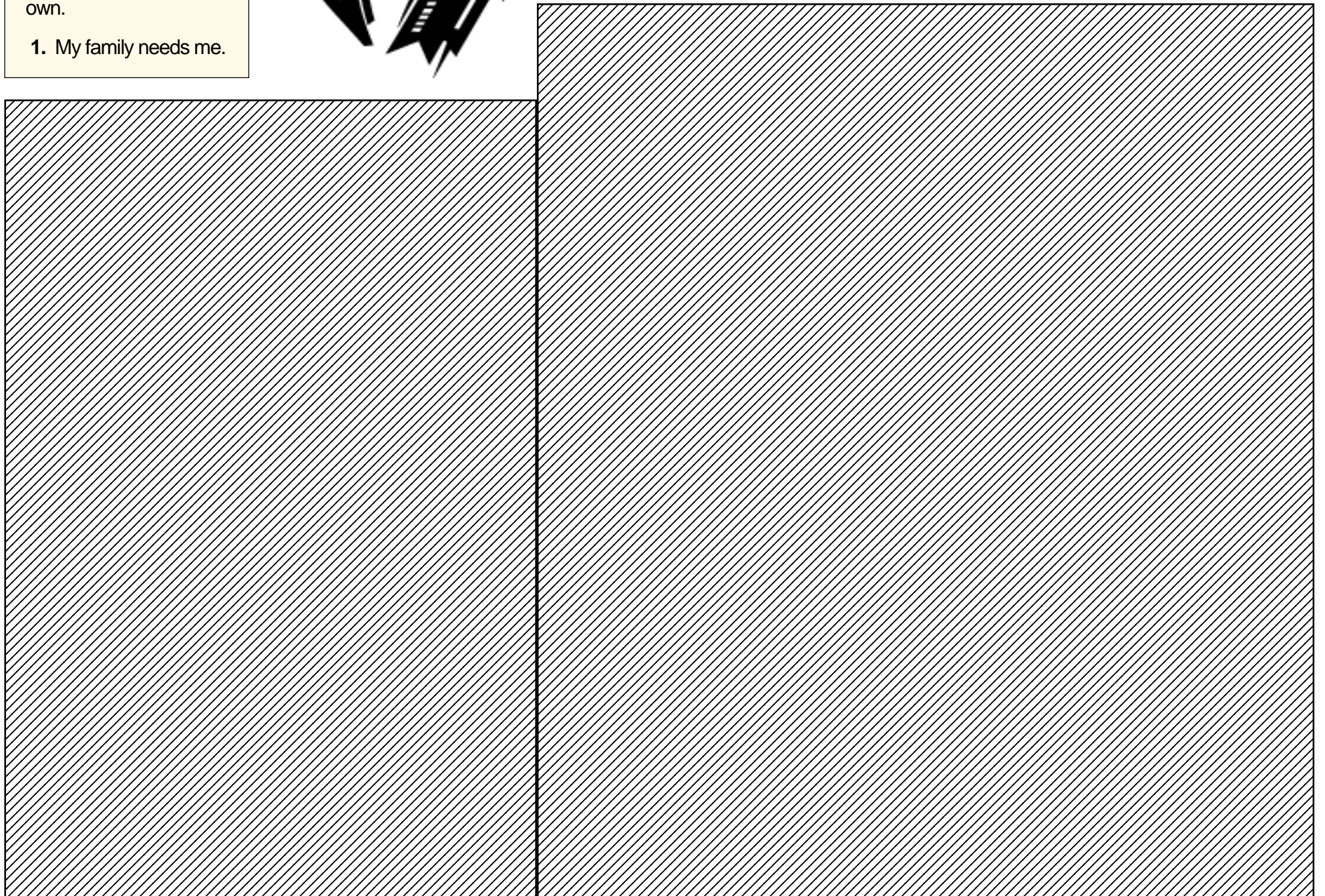
against a dashboard (even a padded one), but will remain relatively unharmed in a collision against a nylon seatbelt.

What's The Choice?

Without the belt — skull fracture, facial lacerations and broken teeth, broken ribs and internal injuries ... and on and on; possibly death. With a belt and shoulder harness — some bruises, perhaps, but probably not very severe ones. Make your own choice.



Nothing can prevent the second collision. The only thing that can be done is to reduce its severity.



Marines train with unfamiliar weapons in 7-hour gun shoot

By LCpl. Cory Kelly
BARSTOW LOG staff

"Errr!" Sgt. Eric C. Behar, draftsman and surveyor, said.
"I wish my Marines could do this every day. This is great. Doing stuff like this is the only way we'll get every Marine to walk off the range an expert [riflesman]." Sgt. Omar M. Ebanks, noncommissioned officer in charge of base property, said.

Beginning in the morning and barreling into the heavy hours of the afternoon of August 23, these sergeants and the Marines around them 'Errred' and 'Oohrahd' for almost seven straight hours.

Taking a day off from the monotonous paper work and drab feeling of the office building, base Marines got a little live fire time at the range, with .22 and .45-caliber pistols, shotguns, M-14s and M-16A2 service rifles.

"We just wanted to let some of the junior Marines on the base handle some of the weapons they would otherwise not get the chance to train with," LCpl. Jason D. Edminston, one of the base's ammunition technicians who organized the event, said.

"Since Barstow is on non-deployable status and most of the Marines here are personnel other than grunts, there isn't much room for training. The whole point here was to just go out and have some fun. A lot of Marines have never had the chance to shoot a .45-caliber pistol, feel the recoil of a shotgun, or even get to

'play' with an M-14," Edminston said.

"There are some things only experience can teach – things that can't be described in a textbook and understood. And the stuff Marines do out on the range is definitely not described adequately in a book," he said.

Sgt. Fabian Garcia, primary marksmanship instructor, had a few things to say about hands-on training as well, "I like to see Marines come out to the range and fire a variety of weapons. It is our main duty to be a good marksman. One must have knowledge of all the weapons they may encounter in war to become more effective as a fighting force."

Even with the help of the blinding sun it was pretty clear who on the range were experienced shooters – some needed more instruction, and some needed no instruction at all. Like LCpl. James Hosey, supply clerk, who took to the Remington 870 shotgun like a fish takes to water. And then there were shooters like, PFC. Brandy Berdion, supply clerk, who after firing two slugs from the Remington says she won't pick up another shotgun for the rest of her life.

Even though the shotgun fired on the range wasn't the Mosberg 590 that is commonly used in the military, it helped these devil dogs get a feel for what they could be firing in combat. And for the other weapons, like the .22 and the .45 caliber pistols that are normally only used for competition shoots. Well, let's just say the Marines out on the range got a "kick" out of them as well – at least from the .45.

But – surprisingly enough – the weapons that attracted the most attention out on the range were the M-14s and the M-16A2 service rifles.

It seems a Marine and his or her rifle can never get enough time together.

Garcia agreed, giving his opinion as an expert rifleman and a marksmanship instructor as to what he likes about the two rifles, "Even though

the M-14 has the ability to fire fully automatic it was replaced because of the need for a lighter weapon. The M-16 has better, easier to adjust sights, an adjustable front sight and a larger round capacity. The M-14 fires 7.62-millimeter rounds that are much heavier than the 5.56-millimeter rounds the M-16 fires. This means

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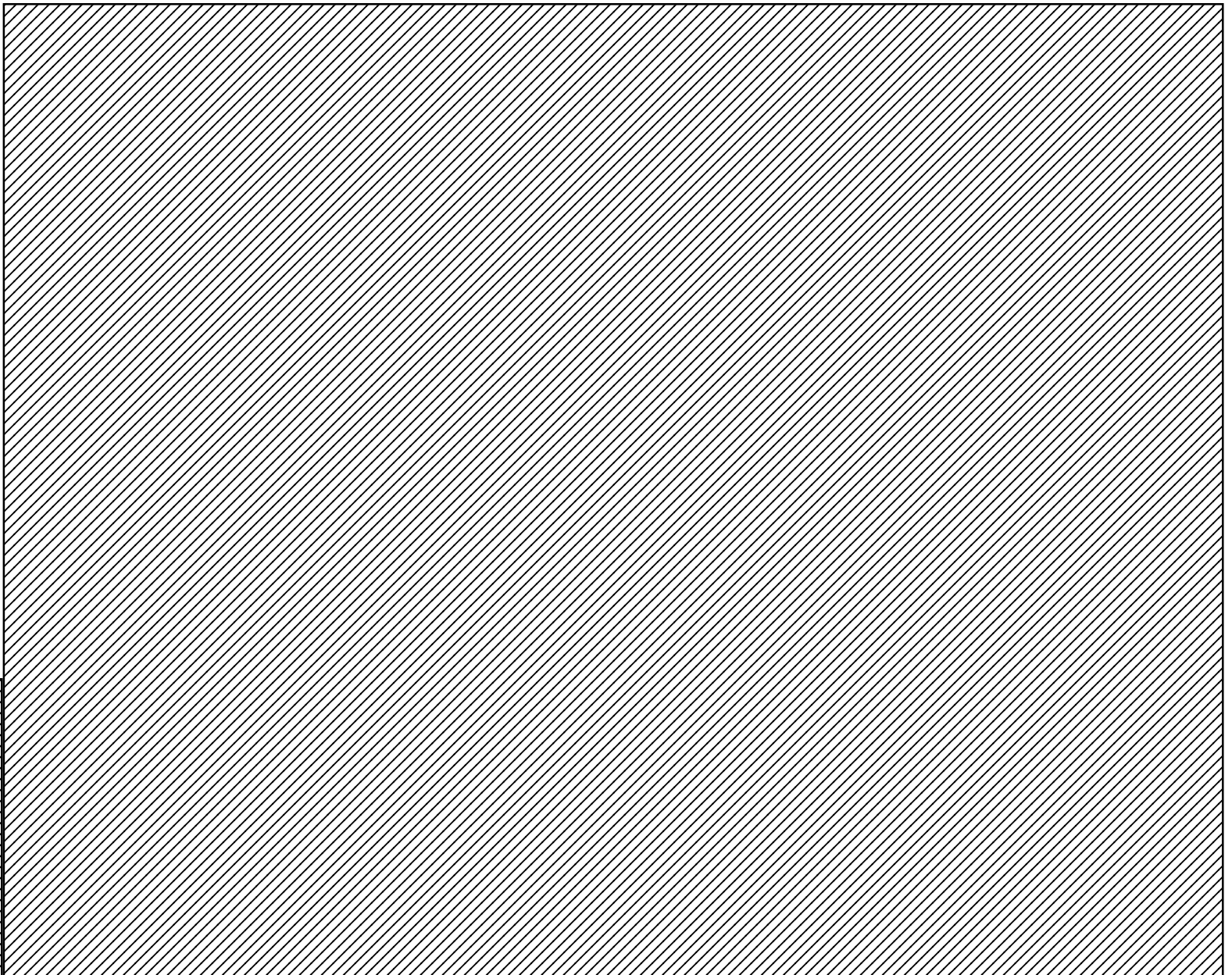
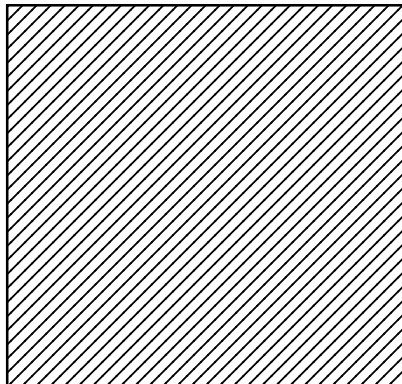
Photo by LCpl. Cory Kelly

Private First Class Brandy R. Bardion, Installation and Logistics Department, takes aim with a Remington 870 shotgun. The Remington is similar to the Mosberg 590 that Marines use as a combat shotgun.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Smoke flies as LCpl. James D. Hosey, I&L Dept., tears up a target with the Remington 870 shotgun.



FWA Hotline publishes results of investigations

By Randy Meyer
Comptroller's Office

Fraud, Waste and Abuse situations are a serious matter to the Federal Government.

An FWA situation is the misuse of government resources such as direct or indirect use of property, equipment, facilities or time. An FWA situation can cover a broad range of circumstances such as misuse of government computers, office or communication equipment, vehicles, facilities or official time.

The bottom line is if a personal benefit can be intently derived at the expense of the government, or if time, technology or circumstances have rendered a procedure or work process obsolete and wasteful, then it is considered an FWA situation.

The following are the results of some FWA investigations conducted here:

- There were three FWA Hotline calls alleging abuse of government vehicles for personal business. Only two of the allegations were substantiated, and both employees involved were given letters of reprimand that were placed in their official files.

The third allegation was closed because of insufficient information regarding dates and times of the misused vehicle.

- An FWA letter alleged certain work centers on base were given bottled drinking water for employee consumption at the expense of the government.

The allegation was substantiated but not considered an FWA situation.

The work centers in question were found to be at the end of the base water distribution lines and

subject to excess rust in the pipes due to their age. The commander deemed that until the excess rust problem was resolved; government bottled water for the affected employees was sanctioned.

- An FWA Hotline call alleged a quality inspector was performing bench work instead of conducting quality control inspections. The allegation was unsubstantiated because the inspector in question was performing collateral duties and another inspector was inspecting his work.

- An FWA Hotline call alleged that a supervisor directed an employee to type his resume on government time using a government computer. The investigation revealed the employee in question did type a resume for the supervisor as a favor but not in the capacity of a supervisor/employee relationship. Even so, the resume was done on government time and resources, it followed the parameters set forth in Base Policy No. 01-00 which allows electronic preparation of government resumes with supervisory approval.

- An FWA Hotline call alleged a work center was abusing their overtime status by allowing employees to take extended lunch breaks, perform personal errands or tasks on duty, have barbecues on duty, and roam the base instead of working.

The investigation revealed the FWA allegation was unsubstantiated because the caller did not provide details such as dates and times of the suspected abuses. However, the investigation did prompt review of supervisory practices, which led to closer attention to work scheduling

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COURT RESULTS

The following are results from the most recent magistrate court session aboard base.



Magistrate Court

Offense	Sentence
No proof of insurance, failure to appear	License held
Unlicensed driver	\$80 fine
No seat belt	\$20 fine
Unsafe turning movement	\$60 fine
Dispose of household trash	\$125 fine
Speeding: 80 mph in a 55 mph zone	\$100 fine, traffic school
Possession of marijuana	\$175 fine
Failure to notify change of venue, passing on left curve, speeding; 100 mph in a 55 mph zone, evading officer, failure to appear	\$5,000 fine, warrant issued
Failure to obey a lawful order	\$200 fine

Back on the road again

Mounted Color Guard travelling in style with new horse trailers.

By Cpl. Brian Davidson

BARSTOW LOG staff

MCLB Barstow's Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard recently received two new horse trailers with better accommodations for the mounts and riders.

At a modest cost of \$38,000 total, the new trailers replace two other road-worn trailers that have served the color guard for a number of years.

"The two old trailers have been working for us for a long time, definitely before I got here," said SSgt. James M. Garza, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the color guard and color guard member for more than five years. "But, it was time to replace them. The new trailers have much better safety features and are a better overall ride for the horses."

The life expectancy of the new trailers is projected to be between ten and 15 years given the fast-paced rate of operations and long distances the color guard travels annually.

Each of the new trailers can accommodate up to three mounts and the slanted partitions that divide the horses can be adjusted to create one large space instead of partitioning it. All trailer doors have safety latches and the floors are covered with non-slip padding. A high-powered lighting system makes unloading the mounts at night an easier task.

The ventilation system in the new units is also a major improvement, according to Garza.

"Each horse has their own fan, which can be angled to the best position for the horse, and the overhead vents can be faced to the front or the rear of the vehicle depending on the weather," said Garza.

Having better control of the ventilation ensures the mounts won't be unduly fatigued when they reach their destination, according to Garza.

With the old trailers just reaching the destination presented its own difficulties to the color guard at times because a tractor trailer driver's license was required to drive it. If no members possessed the license they had to request a driver from the Transportation Management Division, costing funds that could be used for other needs like equipment and feed. Anyone with a driver's license can drive the new units. Now, members of the color guard can share the chore of driving and

save money.

"People see the new trailers and are really impressed by them. They say we are starting to move up in the world," said Garza. "The new trailers can only help us out and allow us to perform better."

MCLB Barstow's Mounted Color Guard is the only Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard in existence and has represented the command and the Marine Corps in events around the country since 1967. The color guard rode in the 1999 and 2000 Tournament of Roses parades, and are invited back in 2001.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Staff Sgt. James M. Garza, staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the Mounted Color Guard, locks back one of the slant partitions in one of the new horse trailers.

How hot is it?

By Cpl. Brian Davidson

BARSTOW LOG staff

The conflict of man against nature is the stuff great novels and motion pictures are made of; Titanic and Twister are only a couple examples. In the Mojave Desert, heat and the Santa Ana winds are the prime menaces.

In August alone more than 20 people have fallen victim to the wrenching heat, some of them members of a unit conducting training here. If the heat can crumple some of America's finest, it can definitely flatten you too.

The lack of humidity and gusting winds can lead one to believe that it is cooler than it actually is. Physical training should be conducted early or late in the day. If you are not dripping with sweat after a run, it's because it has already evaporated.

Know your limits. The silver bullet is still around, and its legend lives on.

Hydrating and exercising caution are the best tools available to divert becoming a casualty in the conflict here in the desert. Whether walking, working or exercising respect the climate and be aware of the flag conditions.

Morning temperatures rapidly soar from a cool 70 degrees to scorching-hot, black flag conditions by noon.

Flag Conditions

 (80 to 84.9 degrees)


Heavy exercise for unacclimatized personnel will be conducted with caution and under constant supervision.

 (85 to 87.9 degrees)

Strenuous exercise, such as marching at standard cadence, will be suspended for unacclimatized personnel in their first two or three weeks. Outdoor classes in the sun are to be avoided.

 (88 to 89.9 degrees)

All physical training will be halted for those personnel who have not become thoroughly acclimatized by at least 12 weeks of living and working in the area. Personnel who are thoroughly acclimatized may carry on limited activities not to exceed six hours per day.

 (90 degrees and above)

All strenuous outdoor activity will be halted for all personnel [by direction of the Commanding Officer].



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

LCpl. Stephen Peltier, military policeman and base commanding officer's driver, raises the yellow flag at Base Headquarters Friday morning. The Base Safety Office notifies Peltier of the changing heat conditions. "It's not unusual to go from green to black flag conditions before noon chow," noted Peltier. "The flags are great indicators as long as people know the conditions."



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Staff Sgt. James M. Garza, Staff Noncommissioned Officer of the Mounted Color Guard, closes the aft hatch on one of the unit's new trailers.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

SSgt. Robert W. Cole points out a tiny hole in one of LCpl. Daniel J. Weaver's skivvie shirts. Marines invested \$90 and 30 hours on average to prepare for the board.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

From front to rear, LCpls. James D. Hosey, Steven S. Yang, Daniel J. Weaver, Peter M. Parker, and Jared C. Anderson, await their turn to show their bearing and knowledge in the final portion of the board

The BEST of the BEST

By Cpl. Brian Davidson
BARSTOW LOG staff

A boiling mirage grows in the distance as a slowly rolling thunder rumbles across the grinder accompanied by a rhythmic and solitary echo. Then, a halting silence.

His once crisp, starched camouflage uniform has lost its rigid form and a band of sweat soaks through the bib of his cover. Standing straight with astute military bearing, LCpl. James D. Hosey posts and awaits his drill score.

Hosey is competing on the Meritorious Corporal Board, the first board he has ever stood.

"I am feeling a little nervous, but once I get started I know I'll be fine," he said moments before taking his turn on the grinder. "I see the knowledge portion of the board as my toughest competitor," the stocky supply clerk said, pausing to adjust his sleeve cuffs.

LCpl. Jared M. Anderson, Communication's candidate for the meritorious promotion board, is shadowed by GySgt. David Watson, competition grader, as he conducts drill during the Meritorious Corporal Board. Putting forth his best effort in the competition is his only focus. Like others in the competition his cutting score for promotion is considered high and still out of his reach.

Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

"The hardest part of it all for me is the waiting," said LCpl. Peter A. Parker, heavy mobile equipment mechanic.

In an air of confidence, each of the candidates see themselves as their own toughest competitor. For them, losing is not an option.

They are the best of the best that the command has to offer.

"I am only here to pick up corporal," said Parker. "I believe that I have proven myself capable of the responsibilities of the rank. That's why MSgt. [Donald D.] Johnson nominated me for the board."

Each Marine on the board was selected to compete based on their individual merit, work ethic and high standards of conduct.

"Competing on a meritorious promotion board brings one about as close as you can come to the levels of stress experienced in combat," said 1stSgt. Charles J. Allen III, HqBn. 1st sergeant and Gulf War veteran.

"I come out to every meritorious board that I can, said SSgt. Robert W. Cole, administrative chief, because I like to support the Marines, and I always learn something new."

"Today I'm doing the wall locker inspections. I want to see how much time and preparation they put into it, and how our Marines are doing," said Cole, listening to the distant sounds of muffled drill commands.

Drill was the first portion of the three-part competition, which includes a wall locker inspection and the board.

No one was weeded out by drill. "They all practiced. It was evident and it paid off today," said GySgt. David Watson, who graded the event.

Later, standing at parade rest, LCpl. Daniel J. Weaver guards his hatch with the same demeanor he stands his post as the gate guard. One would never guess how nervous the military policeman really is if they

didn't ask.

"Good afternoon, staff sergeant," barks Weaver upon Cole's arrival.

"Oorah, Devil Dog," replies Cole. "Ready?"

"My main goal is to see how much time and effort you invested into your wall locker, to point out the discrepancies, and how you can improve it for the future," Cole said. "If you have any questions at all, please feel free to ask."

Into the room and scanning through the candidates 'junk on the bunk', he spots the less-than-obvious details apparent to only a Marine as experienced as he.

Then he examined every skivvie shirt, pair of underwear, sock, pair of trousers, blouse, button, tie and belt.

Each candidate is inspected in the same fashion. Thoroughly.

The next day, they all gather in the hall in front of the 1st sergeant's hatch for their final test – trial by fire some call it.

"Bearing is very important. The first question that I am going to ask you all will be a question that none of you will know the answer to," Allen tells the meritorious corporal candidates moments before the board.

Now anxious bundles of nerves, their eyes glaze over as they contemplate the thousands of potential questions they could be asked by the board members.

But it's not who gets the most questions right on the board that decides the winner, according to Cole.

"You can make some mistakes here and there, but it all boils down to who is the best all-around Marine."



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the very best available to take up the challenge to be a Marine.

I've seen first-hand the magnificent drill instructors working their magic through 12-week-long training cycles. They put their heart and soul into it just as I, and countless other drill instructors, have done before. I have stood and watched those same drill instructors place the coveted emblem of our Corps into the hands of its newest Marines and welcome them into our Corps.

At that moment, these new Marines are just as proud as any Marine who came before them. The secret to sustaining that pride is not so much what happened to them in boot camp, but what happens next.

If there is a letdown anywhere, it happens once our new Marines reach their first duty station. They expect to be challenged the way they were in boot camp and sometimes their leaders let them down. Some leaders fail to set

the example and build upon the foundation of honor, courage and commitment that drill instructors provide. Such failure is lazy leadership.

They find fault in our boot camp for not being hard enough. They expect new Marines to be mindless robots when they report to us screaming "Sir, Yes, Sir" when given any command. They badmouth drill

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instructors for graduating undisciplined Marines because that is easier than admitting there are leaders who cannot find the right leadership buttons to get our Marines to perform to their fullest potential.

There isn't a thing wrong with this generation of Marines or any other one throughout our history. It is up to the current leadership to challenge, lead by example, and support our Corps as we try to improve an already outstanding organization.

So next time you hear someone whining that, "We don't make 'em like we used to," look a little deeper into the soul of who is making the comment. I think you'll find fault in that leader, not the young Marines being led.

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they do not get deflected – pushed – as much by the wind, making them accurate at ranges up to 1,000 yards, opposed to the 550 meters the M-16 is accurate at.

"I believe the M-16 is the best weapon for our mission as we must be light and mobile. There are rarely occasions when you are going to fire at a target at a distance of more than 500 meters anyway. Besides, distances any more than that is when artillery rounds and mortars come into play," Garcia said.

After all the Marines were finished firing, Edminston noted, having looked through the crates of expended ammunition, "we ended up sending about 4,000 rounds down range – a little more than 500 pounds worth. And they definitely served their purpose, we got rid of a lot of old ammunition and a few Marines walked off the range, confident in knowing that if they had to fire any one of those weapons, they could do so."

Everyone on the range agreed, mostly in the form of 'Errrs' and 'Oohrahs' – but they agreed just the same.

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and work assignments in the future. – An FWA Hotline call alleged an employee was sleeping on the job.

The investigation revealed that the employee in question admitted to sleeping at his duty station during lunch and breaks because of a recent prescription of a high blood pressure medication that was making him drowsy.

The employee was counseled and directed to see his doctor to resolve the problem.

– An FWA Hotline call alleged an employee used the government purchase card of another employee and received gifts from vendors.

The FWA allegation was found to be unsubstantiated.

The employee in question did order supplies on a one-time basis under the cardholder's authority but did not sign the invoice or purchase request for the supplies purchased. This situation was considered a procedural error and both employees were counseled to prevent reoccurrence. The gifts received from the vendor were reported and given to the employee's director for further action.

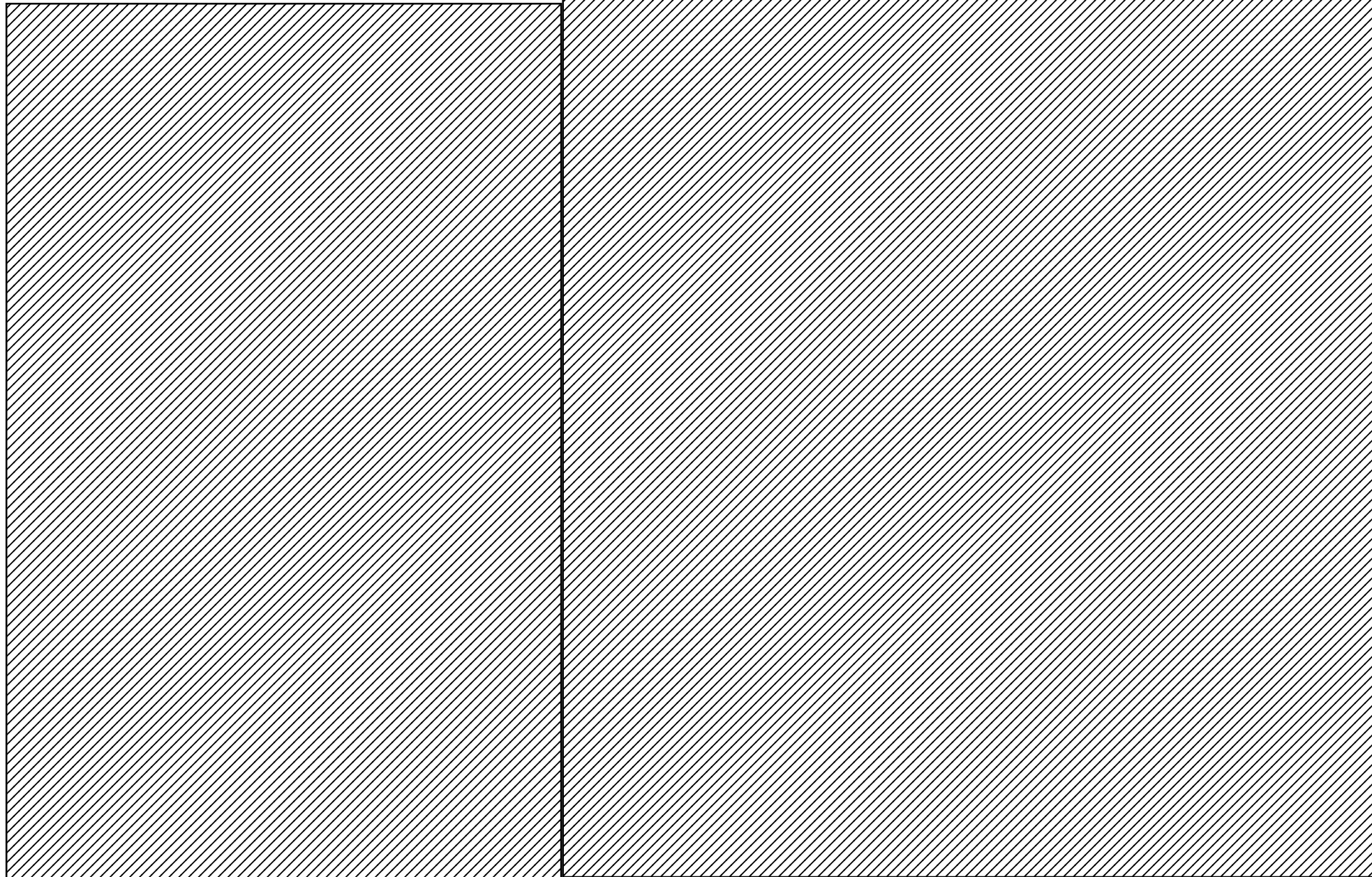
– An FWA Hotline call alleged a

work center was hosting barbecues on overtime days.

The allegation was found to be substantiated and the work center supervisor was counseled that the business center policy prohibit barbecues on overtime days without the director's approval. However, it was established that the barbecues did not exceed authorized lunch periods.

Hotline callers are treated with complete confidentiality and remain anonymous to the fullest extent possible except when required by law or authority. Calls or letters to the FWA are taken seriously, investigated by professional impartial experts, and are important to the command. Federal law prohibits reprisals against those reporting FWA situations. The FWA Hotline is available on e-mail. Simply log on to the base LAN system and compose a message with the address FWA in the "To" line or select it from the LAN address book. The FWA Hotline is 577-6222 or write:

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"For Comptroller Eyes Only"
MCLB Barstow
Comptroller Department
Box 110400
Barstow, CA 92311-5043





By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Labor Day Sale at MCX

Labor Day Sale runs September 2 through 9. Come in and browse – great bargains!

September 25 is the Marine Corps Exchange's 103rd Anniversary Sale with a Carnival of Savings. There will be a big Sidewalk Sale September 30.

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 and Cactus Cafe:

- Today** – Baked ham.
 - Friday** – Hoki fish.
 - Monday** – Menu service for breakfast and lunch. Closed after lunch.
 - Tuesday** – Spaghetti and meat balls.
 - Wednesday** – Pork stir-fry.
- All above meals served with coffee, tea or soft drink.
Lunch is served Monday through

Friday at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch is served Monday through Friday at the Cactus Cafe from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Price is \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian.

The Family Restaurant offers a la carte and sub sandwich menus for lunch. The Cactus Cafe offers limited a la carte and sub sandwich menus for lunch. Call 577-6428 for more details.

Family Restaurant full service

The Family Restaurant offers breakfast, lunch and dinner service as follows:

Weekdays

Breakfast is served from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. Price: \$1.50 military, \$3 civilian.

Lunch is served from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Price: \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian.

Dinner is served from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Price: \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian.

Weekends and Holidays

Menu service for breakfast, lunch and dinner: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Price varies per menu selection.

Family Night Dinner menu

Tonight – Prime rib dinner.

Next week – Pork chop dinner.

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

Prices: (Military and civilian) \$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.

A little Denmark in California

ITT has scheduled a trip to Solvang – a small Danish community located in the Santa Ynez Valley. Founded in 1911, Solvang still retains its charm and quaintness. Old-fashioned gas lamps provide street illumination in some parts of the town, many of which once saw service in Copenhagen.

The trip is set for October 7. The cost is \$20 per person, round trip. On the trip to Solvang, the ITT bus will stop at the Santa Ynez Mission. The mission was

dedicated in 1804 and is 19th in the chain of 21 California missions.

Reservations and payment for this trip must be made by September 22.

ITT is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ITT tickets are available at the Bowling Center Wednesday through Friday from 4 to 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

For more information on the Solvang trip or any other tickets and trips call ITT at 577-6541.

Tees and Trees hosts tournament

Tees and Trees Golf Course is hosting a Home and Home against MCAGCC 29 Palms September 9th.

Which club will take home the trophy this year? Come watch the tournament and find out first hand.

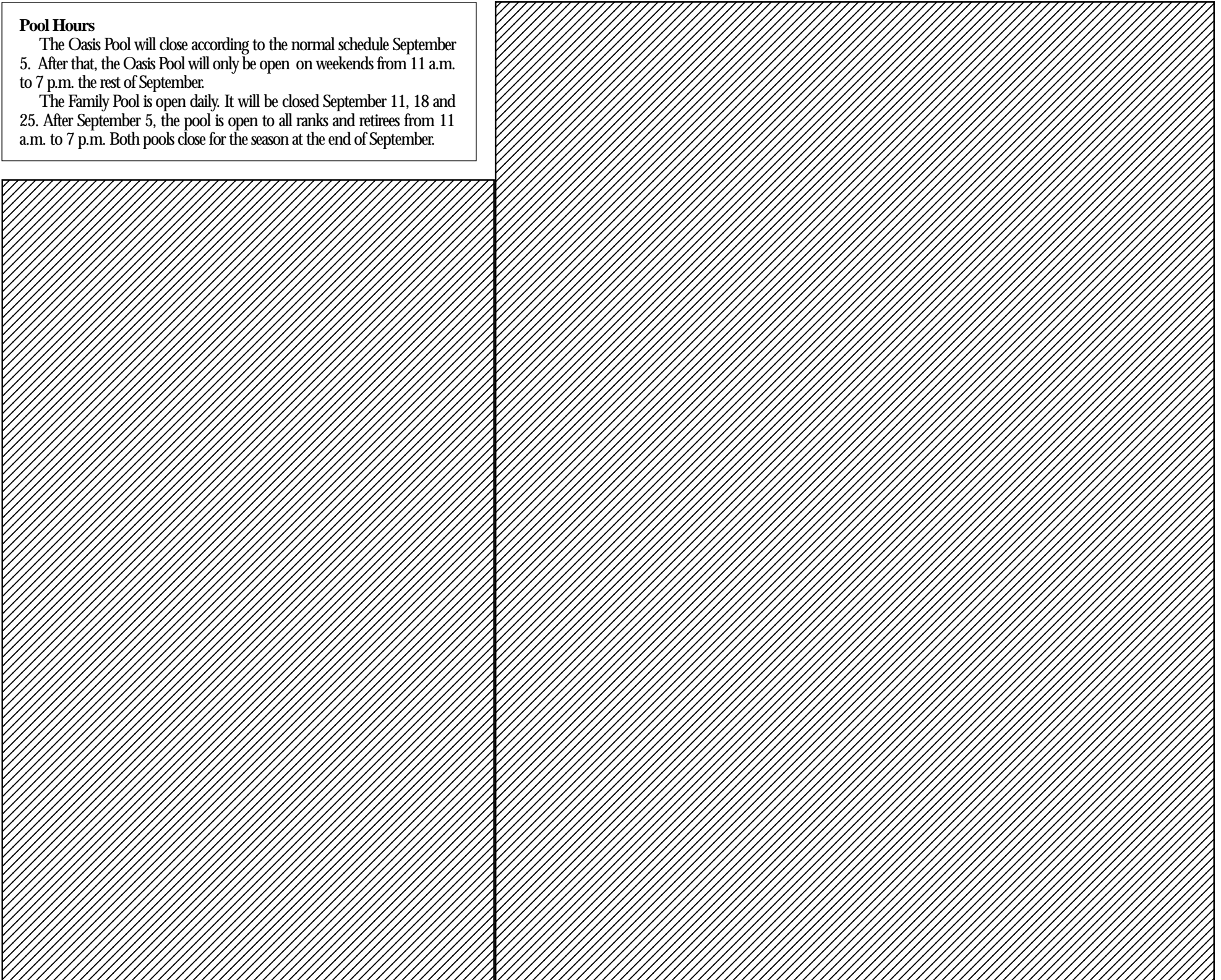
The Tees and Trees Men's Club meets September 7. Everyone is welcome – come join the club!

Tees and Trees is open Monday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Pool Hours

The Oasis Pool will close according to the normal schedule September 5. After that, the Oasis Pool will only be open on weekends from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. the rest of September.

The Family Pool is open daily. It will be closed September 11, 18 and 25. After September 5, the pool is open to all ranks and retirees from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Both pools close for the season at the end of September.



AROUND THE CORPS

Appropriation Act signed, pay to rise 3.7 percent

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – President Clinton signed the Fiscal Year 2001 Defense Appropriations Act, paving the way for a 3.7 percent pay raise for service members Jan. 1.

The budget of \$288 billion is an increase of \$18 billion over FY2000 and about \$3.5 billion more than the president requested.

The act provides \$75.8 billion to pay a total of 1.382 million active duty personnel and 866,934 members of the reserve components.

The act also provides money for the Department of Defense to begin eliminating out-of-pocket housing costs.

Currently, the Basic Allowance for Housing covers only about 81 percent of service members' housing costs if they live off base. DoD seeks to cut this 19 percent out-of-pocket ex-

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pense to 15 percent in FY2001 and to zero by 2005.

The Defense Health Program is funded at \$12.1 billion. That share includes money Congress added to support changes to the military pharmacy benefit. Members of Congress said the legislation also would provide a blueprint for implementing permanent health care for retirees.

Congress matched the administration in funding operations and maintenance. O&M funding is set at \$96.9 billion in FY2001. This is up from \$92.2 billion in FY2000. The funding covers contingencies in Southwest Asia and in Bosnia

and Kosovo.

Military modernization also got a boost from the act.

Procurement for FY2001 is set at \$59.2 billion. Major Army projects funded include \$729 million for Apache Longbow modifications, \$637 million for the medium armored vehicle family and \$294 million for the Abrams tank upgrades.

In addition, the Army will receive \$1.6 billion to transform itself.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki called for the creation of 4,000-member quick strike brigades that can be deployed anywhere in the

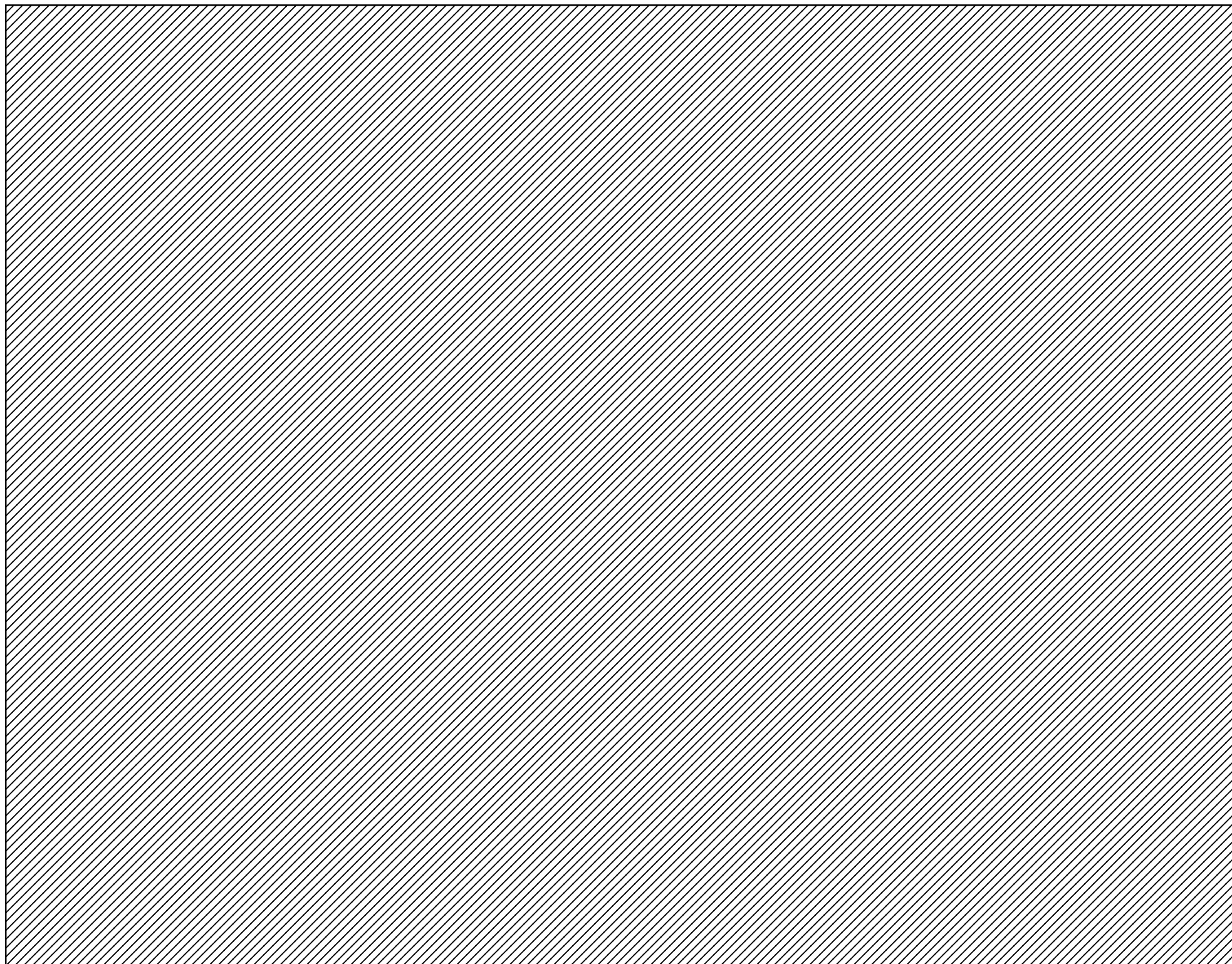
world in 96 hours.

The appropriations act fully funds one such brigade and will equip a second brigade in 2001. The Army also received money to develop a light-weight future combat system vehicle.

Navy and Marine Corps procurement actions include \$4.2 billion for 42 F/A-18E/F fighters, \$1.1 billion for V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft, \$4 billion for the CVN-77 aircraft carrier and \$2.7 billion for three DDG-51 destroyers.

Air Force procurement includes \$2.1 billion for 10 F-22 fighters, \$400 million for five F-15 fighters, \$2.8 billion for C-17 airlifters and \$380 million for C-135 modifications.

The FY2001 Defense Authorization Bill is still being worked on. The authorization bill allows DoD to spend money. The appropriation act actually provides the funds. DoD officials said they expect work to finish on this bill when Congress meets in September.



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that you value most in life?" The Bible tells us that children are a blessing from the Lord. How much time does the average father spend in meaningful conversation and interaction with his children? Recent studies show that, on the average, Dad spends less than 30 minutes per week in significant interaction with his kids. Thirty minutes per week. (That's about 4 minutes per day). Those same studies show that men spend an average of about 80 minutes per week in meaningful conversation with their wives (11.4 minutes per day). So what are we doing with our time?

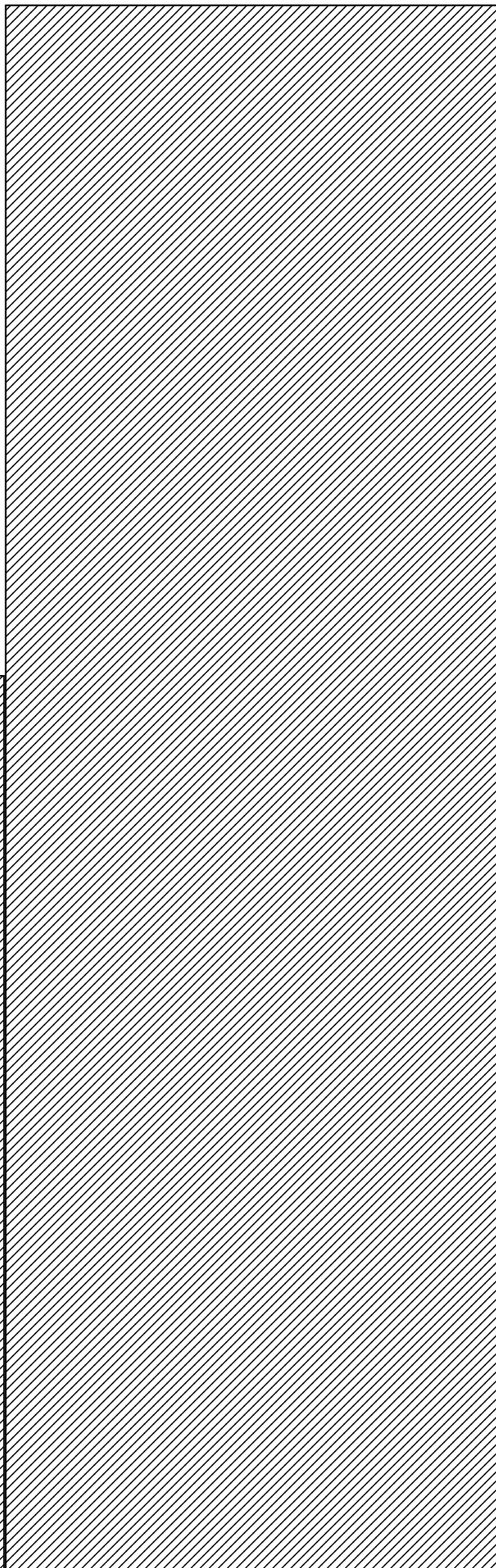
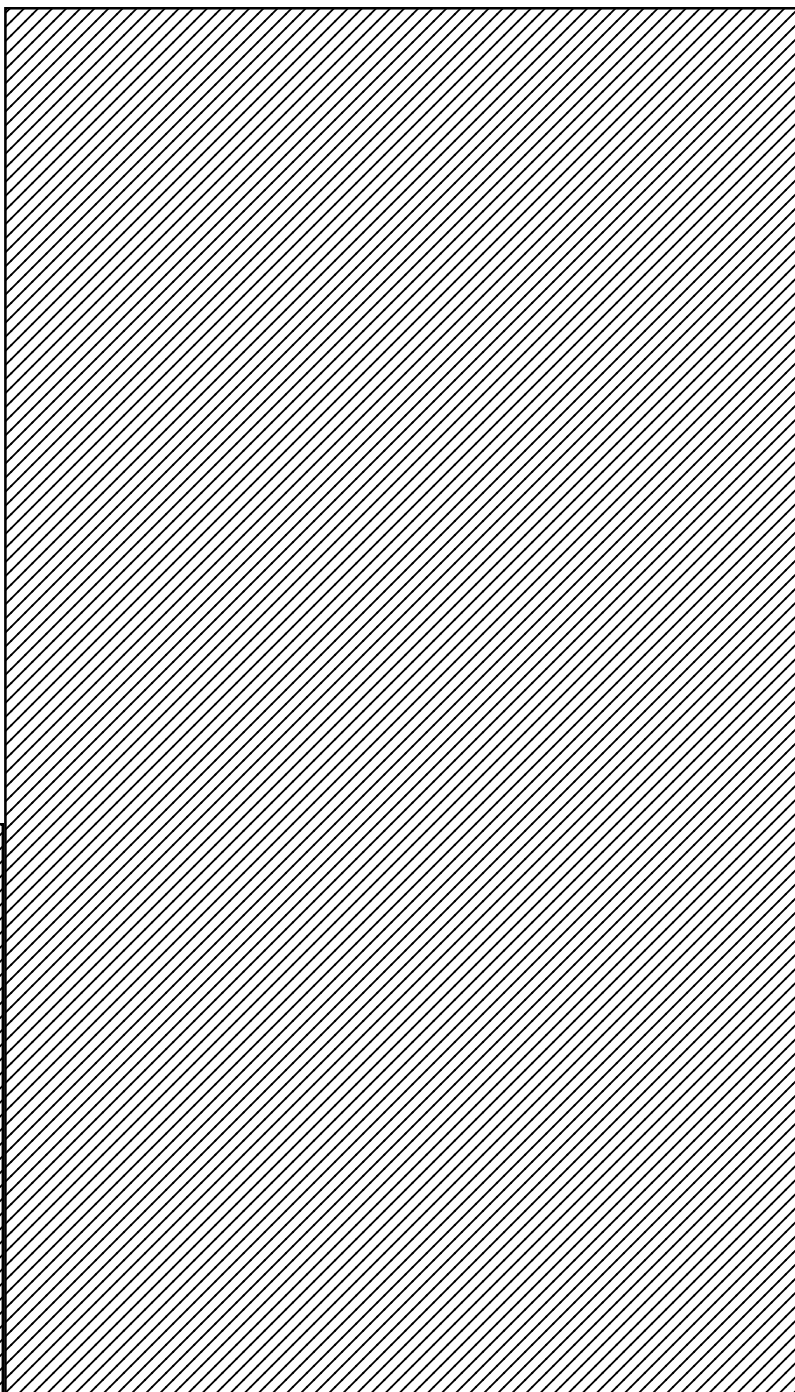
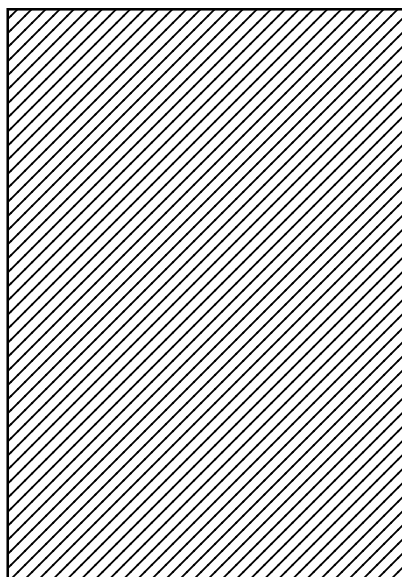
We go to work early, come home late, and are pooped when we arrive back at the house. We come in, get something to eat, sit in front of the TV to watch our favorites shows (feeling we've earned the right to "veg out" because of how hard we worked), until about bed time. If you have little kids you may help get the kids ready for bed, but speed it along because you have "more important" things to do. Then we get back to that altar of worship known as the TV. We spend hours per night watching things that will literally rob us of the things we value more than anything else. I heard someone say once, that "if I choose to watch TV, then I am actively choosing not to do something else." How much time is there in a day? Some men feel that if they are just present then they are having meaningful time with the family. I believe the kids and the wives would disagree.

My favorite movie of all time is "Hook" with Robin Williams. In this movie we see a driven man who has totally lost touch with his family. When they have the opportunity to go on a family vacation, he seems unable to leave the work-a-day world behind. Has kids want to play with him, but he doesn't have time. His thief is the job. Peter is finally whisked away to "Never, Never Land," because Captain Hook (Dustin Hoffman) has taken his kids and has challenged Peter to a war.

Now I have heard many fathers say that they spend "quality" verses "quantity" time with their kids. You can't schedule quality moments. The quality moments come out of quantity time.

Peter goes to Never Never Land with Tinkerbell, the flying dust-sprinkling fairy. When he arrives, it becomes obvious that Peter doesn't have a clue that he used to be "Peter Pan," and he has forgotten how to play. Haunted by his wife's words, "Peter, your children want to play with you, how long do you think that lasts? They want to play with you and you are missing it." Coupled with the fact that Hook has his kids and will kill them if he can't get his war, Peter has to remember how to fly. Flying in Never Never Land is easy; all you need is a little pixie dust and a happy thought. Peter has difficulty finding his happy thoughts, and when he finally does, he remembers that his happy thoughts are about his son, and he flies. He gives Captain Hook a war he'll not soon forget. As he

rescues his kids, he comes back to reality, and one thing seems to have changed in his mind and heart. He has learned the value of spending good quality time with his kids, and how to play all over again. Now I have heard many fathers say that they spend "quality" verses "quantity" time with their kids. You can't schedule quality moments. The quality moments come out of quantity time. Your kids want you. They don't care how incredibly successful you are; they just care if you can talk with them, and play with them. You want to really please your wife? Love your kids more than the job. Show her more than 80 minutes of attention and meaningful conversation. Offer to unplug the TV for the next month, and see what happens.



GUNNY'S PICKS

Week 1

Just think, your smiling face could be right here next week.

Yes, Sports Fans, it's that time of year again. The Gunny's Picks is ready to kick off again. Best of luck to all of you this year.

- *Arizona at NY Giants
- *Baltimore at Pittsburgh
- Carolina at Washington*
- Chicago at Minnesota*
- Detroit at New Orleans*
- Indianapolis at Kansas City*
- *Jacksonville at Cleveland

- NY Jets at Green Bay*
- Philadelphia at Dallas*
- San Diego at Oakland*
- *San Francisco at Atlanta
- *Seattle at Miami
- Tampa Bay at New England*
- *Tennessee at Buffalo

Monday night

Denver at St. Louis* (28)

Total points: _____

Name, work section and phone number: _____

Monday night's game is a tie-breaker and must include a total score.



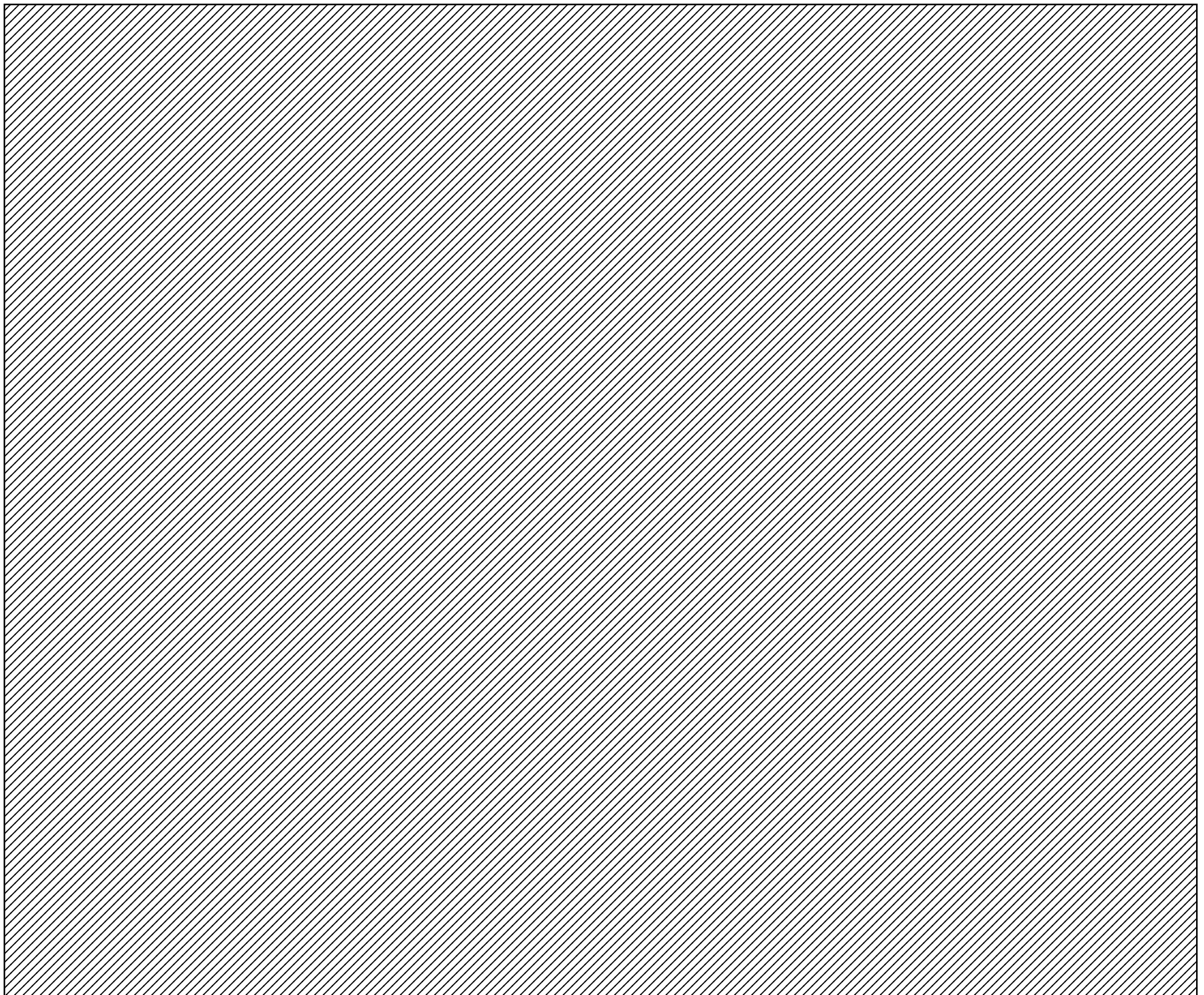
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- Counseling for Marines
- Order Writing Clerk
- Recon Marine
- Infantry Patrolling
- Land Navigation
- Field Artillery Survey
- Howitzer Secondary Chief
- Math for Marines
- Basic Pay & Allowances..

"We're all part of a Learning Team."



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

1993 KATANA MOTORCYCLE: 750cc, low mileage, includes 2 helmets, self-maintenance manual, \$4,000. Call David at 219-0219.

1987 OLDS CUTLASS SUPREME: New paint and trans., clean interior, A/C, P/S, P/B, \$1,900. Call 243-2080 AWH. Ask for Otis.

1954 CHEVY BELAIR: 2 Door, 210 model, needs paint and interior, 6 cyl/ auto, \$1,900 OBO. See at 1260 Monterey. Call 252-3802.

CAMPER SHELL: Leer camper shell, white, for small pickup (fits Toyota, etc.) with carpet kit (light blue), mounting clamps, and window seal, sliding side windows with screens, stepped-up rear, with full glass liftgate and new openers, \$275. Call 253-4242.

FURNITURE: Waterbed, queen size w/headboard and storage drawers, xlt cond, \$50 or OBO. Call 241-9668.

FURNITURE: Sofa/love seat set, good condition, \$250. Call 243-1392.

FURNITURE: German blonde-wood bedroom set, twin-bed headboard w/ linen storage cabinet, curio cabinet, closet and desk. Bed and headboard 9' long, 6.5' tall, \$750. Call 254-3731.

FURNITURE: Double-size bed frame, head and foot board \$100; glass table and 4 chairs \$100; two easy chairs, solid oak, \$50 each. Call 252-7789.

MISCELLANEOUS: Exercise equipment, Health Rider, xlt cond, \$25; Perfect Abs roller, good cond. \$15. Call 241-9668.

MISCELLANEOUS: Work bench, 6' steel and wood, \$100; microwave oven, \$50; mirror, \$10. Call 252-7789.

MISCELLANEOUS: Grass trimmer, cordless battery chargeable, \$30; calculator (new) 8-digit, 4"x4", \$5; pet carrier, kennel, 21" long 16" high, \$15. Call 242-8839.

MISCELLANEOUS: Complete front end for '86 Toyota 4WD pickup, includes front differential, A-frames, axles, wheels, calipers, rotors, some brake lines, and locking hubs, \$325.

CAR POOL: Driver wanted for established car pool, Mon-Fri 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nebo, meet at new Victor Valley Transportation Center on D Street. Call 951-2060 to sign up.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon at 2150 Amethyst Ave, household furnishings, tools, shop equipment, misc.

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customer. "With DLA we provided a four-hour training block on a voluntary basis. For I&L, the training was mandatory," said Boxx. "Now, under the base commanding officer's direction, we are offering the same training in a four-week venue to all MCLB employees."

Being proactive and cooperative is at the heart of the program's successes.

"On most bases this is seen as an HRO requirement. Here it is a shared responsibility between HRO and MCCS-PSD," said Boxx. "Our approach is to search for the solution to the problem using the current resources, as opposed to orienting to something different. Instead of creating a new organization, why not look at what you have, and see how much of that you can generalize to meet the new requirements?"

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transportation at their own expense

To reserve a seat, e-mail Lynda Kay, base quality adviser, at kayl@barstow.usmc.mil or call her at 577-6168.

CFC Campaign

The base's Combined Federal

Campaign kicks off the second week of September. Start thinking now about which organization is most deserving of your contribution.

1stLt. Bryan R. McClune, is in charge of the base Combined Federal Campaign this year. He may be contacted at 577-7174 or via e-mail at mclunebr@barstow.usmc.mil.

New Parent Support Program

There are two different support programs on base – one for the Marine Corps and one for the Army.

The Marine New Parent Support Program for mothers meets every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9 a.m. outside the

McKinney Center.

Call 577-6332/6533 for more info.

Fort Irwin hosts Playmorning Monday from 10-11:30 a.m. at the McKinney Center.

All parents with children under age six are welcome to attend.

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

