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Sergeant Omar M. Ebanks, base NCO of the Year, presents a memento to 1stSgt. Chester Mathis, USMC (ret.). Mathis spent three years as a POW in North Korea. [See Page 7 for more photos.](#)

MCLB recognizes POW/MIAs

By Cpl. Brian Davidson
BARSTOW LOG staff

MCLB Barstow and the Veteran's Home of California – Barstow cosponsored a luncheon in honor of High Desert former prisoners of war and missing in action at the veteran's home Friday.

September 17, 1979, marked the first day that America collectively remembered its sons and daughters of valor held prisoners of war and those who have yet to return home. Nearly 200 people came together to recognize 31 former POWs and to share in solemn reflection and remembrance of the comrades in arms who are missing from the ranks.

The former POWs recognized served in wars and conflicts spanning 57 years, beginning with World War II to as recent as the Kosovo Conflict. During the luncheon, each former POW present received a personalized memento by a member of their respective service branch as a token of gratitude.

For some of the former POWs, being individually recognized was more than enough to remind them that their courage has not been forgotten. Merely being there with others pausing to remember was sufficient.

"I recall clearly my experiences in military prison camps in Korea, the men who endured with me and those who died," said Bill Pettit, a two-time POW. "I'm glad to see that people, especially young service members recognize and remember the sacrifices that have been made."

"Being here means a lot to me," said U.S. Army SSgt. Andrew Ramirez, a prisoner of war during the Kosovo Conflict. "To be recognized in the presence of those who fought the World War and the Korean War – so many great Americans, meant a lot to me."

"My family looks upon this day of remembrance as a very special day," Ramirez said of POW/MIA Recognition Day. "They know that there were many others before me who went through the things I have, and they respect what those families felt because they have felt it, too."

But even more importantly, "It's also a day that makes them happy because we are together," noted Ramirez, something many families of American service members listed as

missing in action may never again experience.

Those who are missing in action are not free and on their home soil, are not forgotten.

"Those who have served and those currently serving in the uniformed services of the United States are ever mindful that the sweetness of enduring

peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice," veteran Bill Jackson said, recognizing the MIA. "We are compelled to never forget that while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others who have endured and may still be enduring the agonies of pain, deprivation and imprisonment."

In his last formal meeting with the former POWs, Col. Mark A. Costa, base commander and program spon-

"For those still missing in action and unaccounted for, their stories should be told also, just not finished yet. Only when the oral history and personal remembrances of all our veterans are passed on will we as a nation truly say we have not forgotten them and we remember."

— Col. Mark A. Costa

Absentee voters deadline nearing

By SSgt. Kathleen Rhem, USA
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Time is running out to register to vote absentee in the November 7 presidential election.

Federal voting officials recommend individuals voting by absentee ballot, including the roughly 6 million potential voters covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986, send in their federal postcard applications at least 45 days before an election.

Many states require the applications be postmarked at least 30 days before the election date. Officials with the Federal Voting Assistance Program have put a tremendous amount of information about absentee voting on the Internet at <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov>.

State-specific information can be found at <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov/otherlinks/statelinks.html>.

To make absentee voting easier, at least 42 states now accept the online version of the Federal Post Card Application. The online form and a list of the states accepting it is at <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov/othertools/onlinefpc.htm>.

For voters undecided about upcoming local races, the Department of Defense Voting Information Center allows callers to hear messages, via an ordinary phone line, from incumbent U.S. senators and representatives, governors and secretaries of state.

In addition, 60 days prior to an election, messages from candidates for these offices are also available.

The Voting Information Center's toll-free number is 1-800-438-8683, or for those using the military's Defense Switched Network, 425-1584.

Toll-free numbers from 50 foreign countries are available on the Internet at <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov/tollfree2000.htm>.

Another section military voters might find particularly helpful is <http://www.fvap.ncr.gov/publications/howtoinfo.html>. This page consists of an electronic version of the useful pamphlet How To Do It – Vote Absentee.

The pamphlet answers such questions as: Can I vote absentee? How do I apply for an absentee ballot? When is the best time to apply?

The pamphlet is also available through unit and installation Voting Assistance Offices.

The base voting officer is Capt. Sean T. Dugan, Installation and Logistics Department, 577-6712 or e-mail him at dugans@barstow.usmc.mil.

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THE COMMANDER'S FORUM

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

Corner light poses safety hazard

Q Yes sir, I have a safety concern I would like to have addressed. It concerns the corner of 12th and F Street out here at Yermo, coming out to the Yermo Annex. Every time we have a troop rotation, you've got a considerable amount of personnel walking back and forth at all hours of the day or night, and in the mornings when I come into work it is generally dark. On several occasions over the past couple of years, I have come pretty darn close to almost striking a pedestrian because there is no light on that corner. That corner light has not been on for seven years and I think before someone gets seriously hurt we ought to do something to get it back on. Thank you.

A Thank you for calling the Commander's Forum and bringing this safety hazard to my attention. The safety of the personnel working on this base is very important to me and I appreciate your concern. The corner light you called about was scheduled to be replaced this week. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the trouble desk directly at 577-6220.

Your interest in helping to make this base a safer place to work is greatly appreciated and you are to be commended for taking the time to report this safety hazard.

A free ride? Almost

By Sgt. Mario Rivas
BARSTOW LOG contributor

In today's economy, it is important to stay competitive, not only for today ... but also for the future.

Much has been written about the coming of new technology that will make life much easier and more convenient. However, is the price of these changes worth the convenience. Since the introduction of computers in this technology-driven

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My pocket reads 'US Navy'

By Lt. Michael Michener
Base Chaplain



Has it been three years already? I can't believe it! I have orders to the USS Juneau home ported out of Sasebo, Japan. My family will be going with me

although I don't anticipate seeing them much during my two-year assignment. There are certain sacrifices associated with sea duty. But, that is what it means when my pocket reads "U.S. Navy." It means I can and should go to sea to help our Sailors find peace in the midst of the storms of their lives. I anticipate that I will not have the opportunity to take leave for two years. I won't be able to hunt. My chocolate lab will have to learn to obey my wife and give her the same loyalty he has afforded me. It means I have sea sickness to look forward to once again.

But there are many positive things to look forward to as well. It means my family will have the privilege of experiencing Japanese culture. It means my children will enjoy new friendships. Hopefully, it means God will use me to broaden the scope of people who find peace in their relationship with Him. Additionally, PCSing affords me the opportunity to reflect on my experiences here.

Upon arriving three years ago, many on base challenged me to continue to write the weekly columns for the BARSTOW LOG and Desert

Dispatch. Admittedly, my predecessor set a tough precedent by writing weekly in addition to his sermons. I tried to meet that challenge by exposing myself as a fellow sojourner on the way of spiritual growth. I attempted to not be too preachy. I always figured, "if you wanted to hear me preach, you would come on to Chapel on Sundays." Of course, I would still enjoy worshiping with all of you at Chapel this Sunday! I can only hope the articles have encouraged some of you to go deeper in your relationship with God.

My tenure here has allowed me the opportunity to meet some great folks. I have been awed by the enormity of work that is accomplished by the Maintenance Center, Fleet Support and DLA. It takes gifted people to make happen on a daily basis what the base employees accomplish. I have enjoyed visiting the work spaces and hearing how God is working in your lives.

I am grateful to have shared in some of your most challenging experiences. The pre-marriage and marriage counseling, the illnesses suffered, the life changing decisions made, the children born, the joys of your children or your parents, the death of a loved one, the college education accomplished, and on and on. My prayers have been with you and I hope that in some way you have felt the presence of God as you went through each of these events.

I am glad that we were able to open the archery range and offer all DOD employees in the area another opportunity to do something

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Anjulia Ebanks, cashier and wife of Sgt. Omar M. Ebanks, stocks counter items at the Marine Corps Exchange. Anjulia said she likes working at MCX because of the interesting characters she meets.

Chapel Hours

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

**Confession services
before Mass**

Yermo Bible Study

Wednesday 11 - 11:30 a.m.

At the **Colonel's Workshop**
For more info call
Don Brooks at 577-7165.



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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 on 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
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SSgt. D.M. Knolle	577-7353

Barstow Stampede

All right all you cowboys and cowgirls, git yer duds on and head on down to the Barstow Rodeo Stampede Friday through Sunday at the Base Stables. And don't forget the Rodeo Parade tonight featuring the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdales. It starts at 7 p.m. with Barstow's own Marine Corps

Mounted Color Guard leading the way, and an old-time cattle drive will go right down the center of Main Street in Barstow.

The festivities don't stop there though. Friday at 2 p.m. there's an open house at the Base Stables, and then a barbecue starts at 5 p.m. followed by military bullriding, mutton-bustin' for the kiddies, and a two-step dance contest. Barbecue tickets are only \$6.50 a person.

Then, on Saturday and Sunday, prepare yourself for some real wild West action as Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association cowboys compete daily in seven different events including bullriding, saddle bronc, bareback bronc, and roping events. Local barrel racers will speed through their paces demonstrating there is more to a cowgirl than pretty clothes and hair.

Rodeo tickets are \$10 for singles (\$11 at the gate), \$15 for VIP seating, and \$42.50 for groups of five.

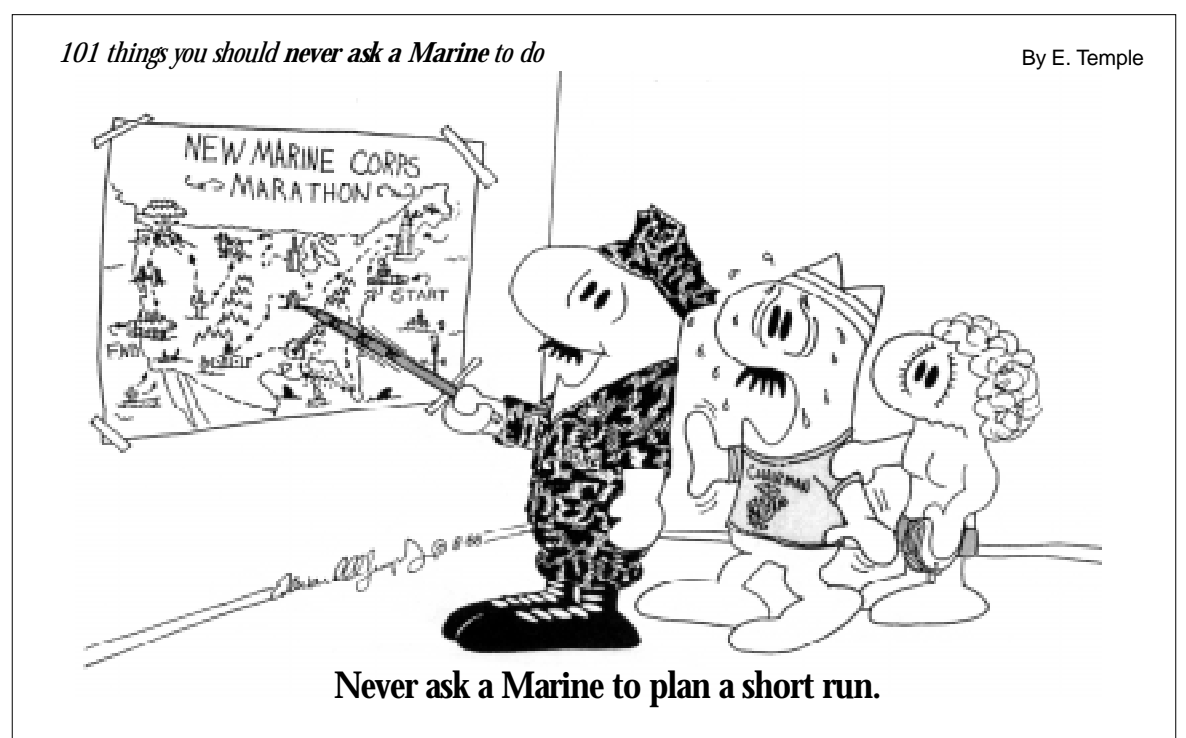
Barbecue and rodeo tickets are available at ITT, 577-6541, or call Brenda German, 577-7139.

For more info about the rodeo call the Barstow Rodeo Group at 252-3093.

Hispanic Heritage

The 2000 Hispanic Heritage luncheon is October 4 at the Oasis Club from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Hispanic Heritage month theme is "Children: Our Hope for the Future." Mary Baca-Bilsborough, the principal of Montara Elementary



School, is the guest speaker.

The menu is a Mexican combination plate with iced tea or coffee.

For tickets and more info call:

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E-LES online at E/MSS

From MARADMIN 444/00
Headquarters Marine Corps

WASHINGTON -The Electronic Leave and Earnings Statement is now available.

The E-LES is a paperless initiative that will allow Department of Defense civilian employees and Marine Corps active duty and reserve members to view and print their LES through Employee Member Self Service. It enables users to view their LES, which contains the forecasted amounts for the subsequent paydays. E-LES mirrors the existing hardcopy LES and is protected by a secure protocol that protects data between the user's personal computer and the E/MSS server. System requirements for using E/MSS and E-LES are the industry-standard browsers Netscape Navigator versions 3.0, 4.01 or higher; Microsoft Internet Explorer version 4.0 or higher; and Netscape Communicator.

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ceiving the hardcopy LES where necessary. The E-LES can be viewed several days earlier than existing hardcopy LESs. You can assist in the effort to save time and resources by requesting termination of the hardcopy delivery which helps the DoD save the money used to produce, mail and distribute the paper copy. E/MSS will display the last three pay-period LESs for viewing or printing. August, September and October LESs will be available for viewing by Nov. 15.

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JOB WATCH

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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
DEU-444-00	Pneudraulics System Worker WG-8255-07 (Term NTE 366 days)	09-05-00	10-03-00	09-19-00	MCLB Barstow
DEU-449-00	Family Services Counselor GS-0101-11	09-08-00	10-06-00	09-22-00	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
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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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OTR-109-00	Material Handler WG-6907-5/6 (Temp NTE one year)	08-24-00	10-30-00	09-22-00	MCLB Barstow
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	SSgt. Donna M. Knolle	577-7181
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Commissary	Charisma Turner	577-6404

MAINTENANCE CENTER BARSTOW

Commander's Corner

Professionals get it done ... professionally

By Col. E. Rivers
Commander

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the MARCORLOGBASES Strategic Planning Session held in Albany, Ga., and hosted by BGen. (select) Richard Kramlich.

Strategic planning is an absolute necessity if you want to effectively and efficiently use significant amounts of resources to accomplish difficult objectives and move large complex organizations towards important goals. Strategic planning is difficult because it involves setting a direction to make a vision a reality, prioritizing and allocating limited resources, forecasting requirements, setting milestones, building teams,

and identifying roadblocks and barriers. All of this is done to improve the odds for long range success in an environment that is usually volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous.

Although strategic planning is critical, another ingredient is even more important and that ingredient is people. During the strategic planning session the point that constantly rang true for me is that plans and organizations don't make things happen, people make things happen. Kramlich reminded me of this when he said he wanted to work with a "Critical Mass of Doers." The Commandant of the Marine Corps' challenge to Logisticians of the 21st century is that Marines in the field must have *absolute confidence* that when they call for

logistics support it will be there when and where it is required.

In my 26 years of commissioned service I've never seen a circumstance where logisticians didn't make mission, but the years ahead will challenge us to do things smarter, faster, better, and at less cost. We will have to do this for a force that will be more lethal, lighter, faster and more mobile than ever before.

I believe we can only accomplish this with a critical mass of doers. In today's revolution in business affairs the winners will be those who answer the call for action and change. The professionals who hear the call understand that since things change, there are only two options, we get better or we slip backwards ... nothing

stays the same.

During my first three months as the Commander of the Maintenance Center, I have observed a strong work ethic and competitive spirit in our working professionals. All who want to be successful in making the Maintenance Center the maintenance provider of choice located west of the Mississippi must build on this spirit and answer the call to action.

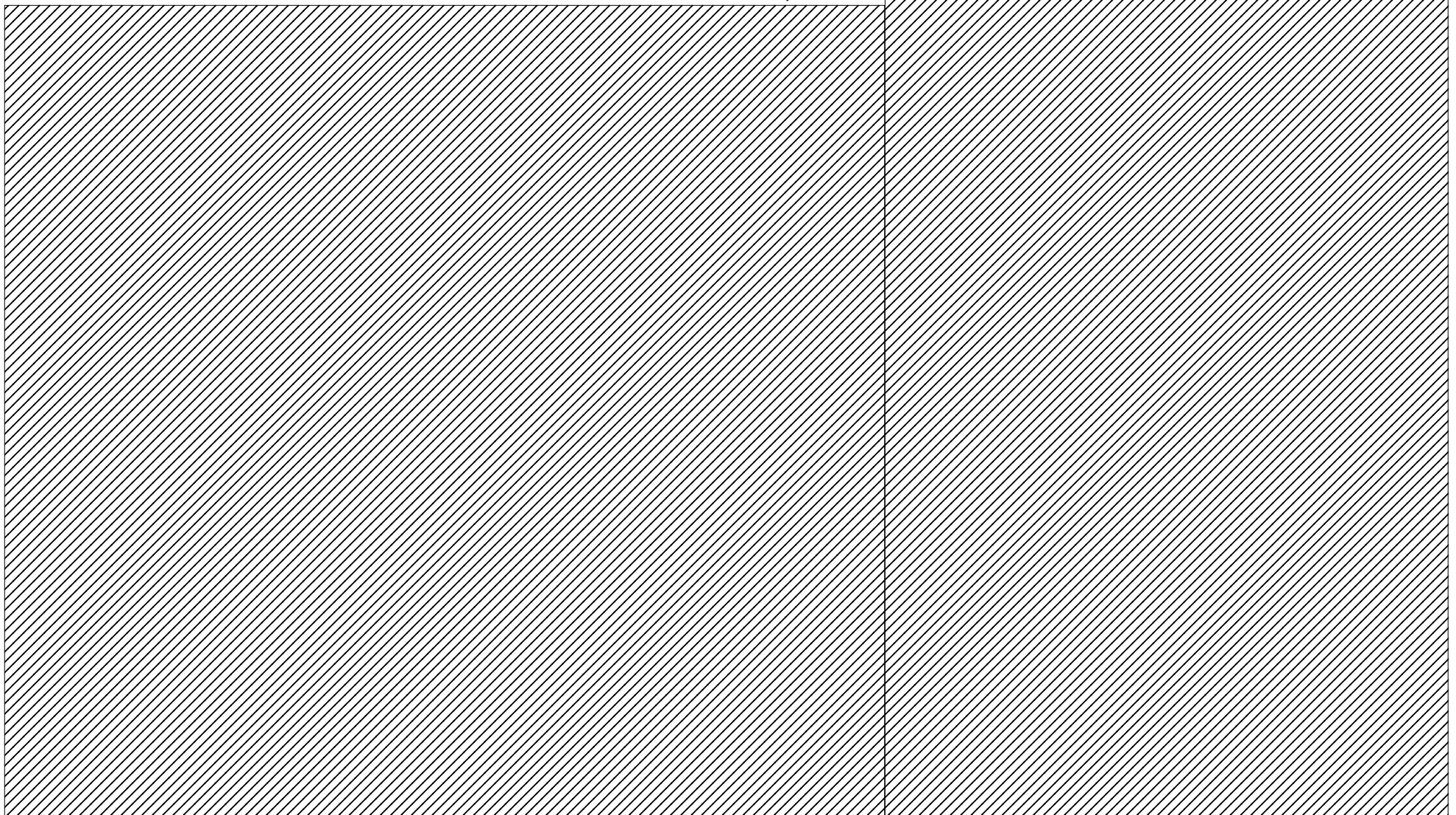
We must all be dedicated to the common goal of strengthening our work force and improving the equipment readiness of our customers. We don't have time for finger pointing, and we don't have the time to get ready - we must stay ready. How do we accomplish this? We must focus on problem analysis and solution development. We must be considerate of others and work as a team. We must promote safety and share good ideas. We must keep joy in our work by elevating the positive and working to eliminate the negative. We must never forget the mission ... improve the equipment readiness of our customers through effective, efficient, and economical maintenance and business processes. Getting quality low cost equipment into the

The CWC-737 team reflects on their success before meeting the next challenge. The team recently completed 35 MK-14 trailers six weeks ahead of schedule and at cost.

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Photo by Donna Redes



What is best hypertension treatment?

By Lt. Cmdr. Edna Whitmore
Branch Medical Clinic



This is the third in a three-part series of columns addressing hypertension or high blood pressure.

Hypertension, like the other major killers in our society (coronary artery disease, stroke, and diabetes mellitus) is primarily a lifestyle illness. The most significant lifestyle factors are obesity, a high-salt diet and lack of exercise.

Lose weight if you are overweight. As little as a 10- to 15-pound weight loss may be enough to bring a mildly to moderately high blood pressure back down to normal.

Get active. Exercise need not be "athletic" in intensity. A simple daily two-mile walk – done briskly enough so one feels slightly winded at the end – is all that is needed. Anyone who is not already doing this level of activity and has high blood pressure, or other heart disease, should be evaluated by a physician before starting exercise.

Control drinking. Limit alcohol intake to no more than one or two beers or glasses of wine a day (or equivalent). Excessive alcohol intake increases blood pressure and interferes with blood pressure-reducing medications.

Don't add salt to foods while cooking or at the dinner table.

Most plant and animal foods contain enough salt to more than meet our daily needs. Also, don't eat processed foods that have high amounts of salt. Pretzels, potato chips and similar snacks are prime examples of foods with high-salt content that should be avoided. Decreasing salt intake has been shown to lower blood pressure, although the effects may take up to a year to become evident.

Ensure you are getting the currently recommended five servings of fruits and vegetables a day to keep potassium levels up. This may help improve blood pressure.

Stop smoking. Stopping smoking can reduce blood pressure, although, like salt reduction, it may take up to a year to become evident.

If the above measures aren't enough, or while you are waiting for them to work, you may have to take blood pressure reducing medications. Your doctor must prescribe these.

There are several different groups of blood pressure medications. Most work by either dilating the small arteries and veins in the body, or by reducing the volume of blood.

There are many groups to choose from, and many different drugs within each group. If one drug is not working well or is causing side effects, don't stop the medication. Tell your physician so the treatment can be modified.

Everyone is a little different in their sensitivity to medications and it may take a few to several tries to find a medication and dosage that works well without causing harmful side effects.

Lejeune announces health survey

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. – An ongoing survey by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry seeks to enhance understanding of children's exposure to volatile organic compounds. The Marine Corps fully supports ATSDR efforts. ATSDR is a public health service agency.

Camp Lejeune initially announced the health survey in an October 1999 press release. Letters were also sent directly to specific prior Marines, Sailors and their family members asking them to participate in the survey.

The survey seeks women whose children were born or conceived while living in base housing at Camp Lejeune between 1968 and 1985.

The survey focuses on VOCs tetrachloroethylene and trichloroethylene, often used in dry cleaning or as degreasers, which may have existed in the Camp Lejeune water system between 1968 and 1985. These VOCs were not regulated until the late '80s. All water wells found to contain these substances were closed in 1985.

The survey is conducted by telephone and attempts to gather data for use in a scientific research study about the effects these VOCs may have on children when exposed before birth.

Women whose children meet the criteria are encouraged to participate in this survey, whether or not the child has exhibited adverse symptoms. To participate, call the National Opinion Research Center, 1-800-639-4270. NORC is conducting the survey for ATSDR.





National Fire Prevention and Safety Week underway

Compiled by
BARSTOW LOG staff



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Major Lawrence A Casserly, director, Public Safety Department, stands by as fire inspector Terry Jenkins examines an conduit box during a recent base housing fire inspection.

According to a recent survey by the National Fire Protection Agency, most Americans drastically underestimate the speed at which a fire spreads through a home.

A living room fire can threaten an entire house in just a few minutes – producing life-threatening conditions in upstairs bedrooms less than two minutes after the smoke alarm sounds.

Smoke alarms can cut the risk of dying in a home fire nearly in half, but an escape plan must be followed, and the building must be left as soon as the alarm sounds.

Every household should have a fire escape plan, but to be sure that everyone inside the home knows what to do in case of a fire, they must practice.

The more often children take part in home exit drills, the better they will be prepared for a real emergency.

An fire escape plan doesn't have to be complicated.

Simply draw up a home floor plan and mark on it two ways out of every room in the house. Discuss these escape routes with family members. Pick an outdoor meeting place – preferably somewhere in front of the house – and tell everyone to meet there after they've escaped for a head count. This way the fire department will know exactly how many people are trapped inside. Remember that once outside of the house, never go back in until a firefighter says it safe to do so.



Photo by Cpl. Brian Davidson

Sparky the fire dog examines a few fire escape plans submitted by children at the Child Development Center.

Hold a home fire drill twice a year. Make it realistic; pretend some escape routes are blocked by smoke or fire and practice using alternate exit routes.

In 1998, NFPA launched the Great Escape as a three-year public safety campaign to increase the number of North Americans who develop and practice a home fire escape plan. Last year more than a half million households participated in the

second annual Unified North American Fire Drill. To date, the NFPA has documented 58 lives saved as a direct result of families participating in Great Escape.

The base fire department is currently conducting fire inspections of base housing and will be hosting the Great Escape October 11 at 7 p.m. in base housing.

For more info call Mary Jane Ackley at the Base Fire Department, 577-6966.

This machine runs the machine

By LCpl. Cory Kelly
BARSTOW LOG staff

Most people can walk off the job at the end of a 40- or 50-hour workweek and have a sense of accomplishment because of a product they helped make.

Others – mainly those who work in customer service fields or behind the scenes – have nothing but a cheerful smile and a 'thank you' to quench their thirst for a sense of achievement.

But what about those working in jobs that are seldom seen or heard of ... hardly talked about or given notice unless something goes wrong. Those are the jobs, where the old saying, 'the only good word is no word,' is the driving factor and fills the void of a concrete product or sense of attainment.

At MCLB Barstow, they are the Marines and civilian Marines of the Finance office; those men and women who run the machine that keeps the machine running. They are the base component of every business around the globe.

They are the electronic-Cadillac drivers of direct deposit who make sure everyone gets paid what they deserve. The Windows warriors who scratch the itches and mend the wounds of 'broken' paychecks.

The motivational mathematicians who make sure anyone making a Permanent Change of Station has enough greenery to fund the trip. And the disbursing devildogs who make sure everyone who goes on a Temporary Additional Duty assignment gets the money they need to foot the bill.

They do it all. And recently, they have been doing it all for a lot more people than just the Barstow employees and a handful of the troops from Marine Air Group 46 at Edwards Air Force Base they have been accustomed to.

"Before, all the reserve units, the Inspector and Instructor units, and Marine Corps detachments would go through [Defense Finance and Accounting Services headquarters in Kansas City, Kan., to get their travel claims processed and get any pay problems

they might have fixed]. So, there were 20,000 accounts going through one finance office and [government officials] said it wasn't efficient or cost effective," said 1stLt. John K. Norris, Jr., officer in charge of the finance office.

"People weren't getting paid in a timely manner, or it was taking months at a time to get their travel claims processed when it should take five days," he continued.

"In turn with better service, [government officials] said they could save the Marine Corps \$13 to \$15 million in the first year if they decentralized the workload – gave a little here and a little there to the different groups of finance offices," he said.

After rattling off a list of about 25 different units and detachments, from as far north as Washington and as far east as Oklahoma the Barstow office is now responsible for; Norris explained how the new customer base took a while to get used to.

"When I first got here we were twiddling our thumbs in the afternoons. By [2:30 p.m.] we were playing racquetball or something. Now, I have Marines staying until [6 or 8 in the evening]. It's busy ... it's hectic."

Corporal Kyran O. Ramcharan, travel clerk, said the number of claims coming in was hard to deal with at first.

"Before we picked up the new units ... we just knew where everything was. If someone needed to look at a claim, we knew where it would be. But once all the extra claims [from the different units] started coming in we had to devise a new system for keeping track of them. There were just too many," he said, transcribing information from one of the claims he was working with on to the computer.

Norris noted, "It's hard to say exactly how many more customers we received. We picked up about twelve hundred more active duty members ... and about 4,500 reservists whose travel claims we will settle here. The reservists will still have their

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People's Marathon poster contest announced

Active and Reserve Marines, Sailors and civilian Marines serving with the Navy/Marine Team are invited to enter the poster contest for the 26th Marine Corps Marathon.

The Marine Corps Marathon will be held in Washington, D.C., October 28, 2001. The marathon is the fifth-largest in the United States and is acclaimed by many as the best-organized race in the nation.

The marathon has been called the "Marathon of the Monuments," since runners pass by many of the nation's most prominent sites: The Pentagon, Kennedy Center, Lincoln Memorial, U.S. Capitol Building, Jefferson Memorial and Arlington Cemetery, finishing at the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Monument).

The marathon is also known as the "People's Marathon" for the large number of first-time runners it historically attracts.

Detailed Contest Information:

Deadline: Submit 18"x 24" artwork, or in proportion to 18"x 24" by December 31. Send entries to P.O. Box 188 Quantico, VA 22134.

The following elements must be included in the poster design: the words "26th Marine Corps Marathon"; "The People's Marathon," the date: "October 28, 2001," www.marinemarathon.com, and the Marathon logo.

You may also include the Marine Corps emblem.

The final poster dimensions will be 18"x 24". The runner's T-shirt is "Forest Green" which the poster design and color scheme should blend with.

All entries will be judged and the winner declared by January 10. Original artwork becomes the property of the Marine Corps Marathon and will not be returned. The winner receives two round-trip airline tickets for travel within the continental United State, to be awarded after January 31. Travel must be completed by October 31, 2001.

For more information call Jennifer Robinson at (703) 784-2225, DSN 278-2225, ext. 296.

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Photo by Donna Redes

Bill Jackson, veteran, explains the significance of items on the Missing Man table. The table was placed in remembrance of those persons who were unable to attend the ceremony because they are still prisoners of war, missing in action or deceased.



Photo by LCpl. Cory Kelly

Colonel Mark A. Costa, base commander, shares war stories with George Owens, former U.S. Army private who was captured in Kasserine Pass, North Africa in 1943 and held prisoner until the end of World War II.

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY 2000



Photo by LCpl. Cory Kelly

Gunnery Sgt. Orville Gilmore, USMC (ret.) helps PFC Peter S. Vegliante fill his plate at the luncheon Friday. Gilmore was a corporal when he was captured at the island fortress of Corregidor in 1942. He spent three years as a prisoner of war.



Photo by Donna Redes

A joint service color guard from area bases presented the Army, Navy and Marine Corps colors during Friday's ceremony.

29 Palms presenting LINKS for spouses

L.I.N.K.S. is Lifestyle, Insights, Networking, Knowledge, Skills. It is a facilitated discussion course given over a 10.5-hour period focused on educating spouses about the Marine Corps lifestyle.

L.I.N.K.S. training curriculum covers a wide range of subjects that are integrated to prepare the participants to become proactive rather than reactive to stressful events resulting from marriage and Marine Corps circumstances.

The vast majority of new spouses do not receive education in the skills and attitudes needed to help them cope with the unique stresses of a Marine Corps lifestyle. The presumption is often that the Marine is taking on the responsibility of providing information that will help the couple succeed as a family.

Topics include: Introduction; The Corps; Getting through the Maze; IS That All There IS?; Your Marine's Away; Crossroads: Moving in the Military; Getting Along/Communicating; Investing in Your Community; Closure/Celebration.

This is a free class for all spouses. This training session is being presented by the 29 Palms L.I.N.K.S. team September 30 at Edwards Air Force Base from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All spouses (especially newlyweds) are encouraged to attend. Transportation and lunch is provided. Call now to reserve your seat.

For more info call CWO William E. Bradshaw, 577-6543.

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sor, asked the men of valor to take on one more mission; tell their stories.

"I ask that you tell your stories again. But do not limit it to recounting just the facts; expand it to include the memory of your feelings and emotions of your service and captivity," said Costa. "For many of you this may be painful, but for all of us who will hear that story, it is important."

The crowd in attendance left few seats open, sparsely scattered and barely visible across the room. One table and chair embraced in a black POW/MIA flag stood out; reserved and set for one ... a symbol of the service members missing from the ranks.

As Costa said, "For those still missing in action and unaccounted for, their stories should be told also, just not finished yet. For them, their families and friends must be the storytellers until the final chapter is written. Only when the oral history and personal remembrances of all our veterans are passed on will we as a nation truly say we have not forgotten them and we remember."

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age, a great many jobs have all but been lost to faster, more efficient machines. In fact, many of the jobs once thought secure are rapidly becoming more and more in danger of falling victim to technology.

For example, 'Did you know they are developing computers that will do orthodontics?' As impossible as the idea of a robotic dentist might be, almost anything is possible in this new, constantly evolving millennium.

Just a couple of weeks ago marked what was called, "a walk on the moon" by some in the medical community, as map of the human gene was completed. Indeed, in five to ten years you will be able to choose what the color of your baby's eyes will be, or possibly end your hair loss through genetic engineering.

Or, how about the way we communicate? Fiber-optic and wireless connections are speeding up the way we correspond with one another and do business. We now live in a global economy, and the borders that once kept us apart are waning under the boom of technology.

So, let's take a look at your job. Where do you stand in this brave new world? Is your job in danger of extinction, or are your skills up to par with today's economy?

If you are in the military ... chances are your job is secure, unless you decide it is the right time to get out. Inevitably, your time in the military is limited and civil service jobs ... well, we all know what can happen to those.

There is no such thing as a free ride anymore. The days of finding a

job just because you were in the military for four years or being a retiree who thinks he will survive on his retiree pay are long gone. Yes, you were a proud and loyal Marine when you were in uniform. But when you get out, it is the skills, abilities and attitude that you bring to that employer that will decide how much you make and your position in their organization.

How much are you worth? I sometimes browse the help wanted ads and assess my skills with those the employers want. Just like the way you get up in the morning and keenly iron your 'cammies' or spit shine your boots to look good on the outside, you should look inside yourself and assess what strengths and weaknesses you have. I have found that those weaknesses you think cannot be overcome ... can be overcome with a little effort.

As a Marine, take advantage of the services available to you in the military like tuition assistance, work/study credit and financial. Seek approval and guidance from your superiors who can sometimes work around your school schedule.

A free ride? Almost. While in the military and in Barstow, you have boundless opportunities to attend school and achieve those skills that are marketable when you get out and can benefit you if you decide to stay in. General James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, once said, "the Marine Corps is the sharp, pointy tip of a sword," referring to how the Marine Corps operates in combat.

As Marines ... keeping sharp is what we do. Not only while we are in, but when we get out as well.

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pay going through DFAS [headquarters]."

"But with all the reserve units fulfilling their annual training requirements it has been a lot to handle. Just tons and tons of training claims coming in," he added.

Augmented with six more Marines and one civilian to help divvy up the workload, the Finance counterparts are pulling through and getting used to their new customers.

"It took a while to get things running smoothly, but we are making it work," said PFC Gabriel A. Lopez, travel clerk.

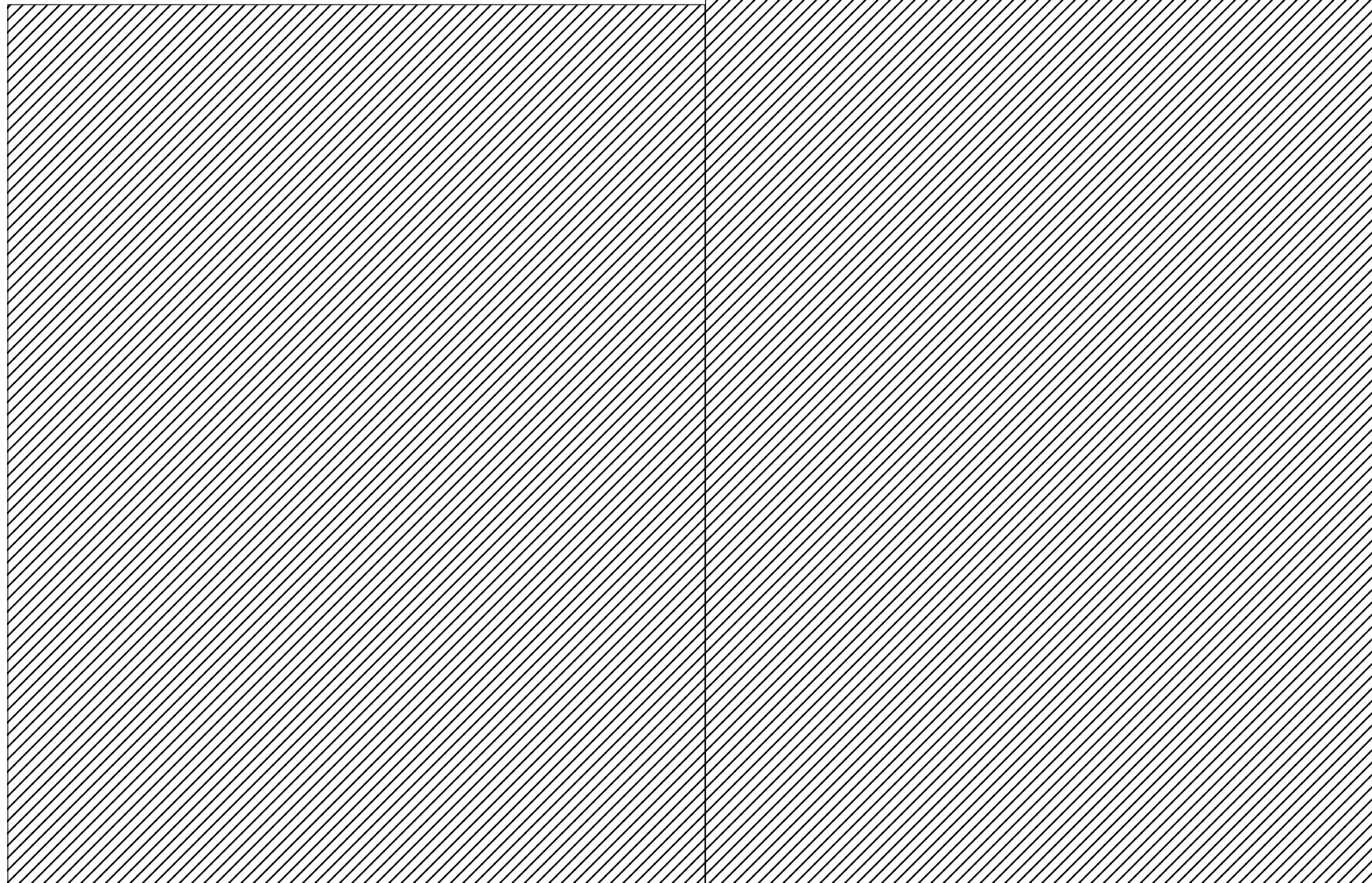
Some would say these dedicated

men and women are overworked and under appreciated. But no one in the shop sees it that way.

"We have a job to do, and we do it. Point blank ... we just do it," Lopez said.

Most clerks in the office admit they think little about their roles as the governing forces of the Marine Corps' bimonthly pay periods. And, although sometimes the claims come rolling in faster than they are being pushed out, they attribute the success of the office during the last few months of growth and change to good, old-fashioned elbow grease.

"It's hard work, but someone has to do it," said PFC Israel G. Moreno, travel clerk.





By Jim Gaines

MCCS Publicity

Sale at MCX

September 25-30 is the Marine Corps Exchange's 103rd Anniversary Sale with a Carnival of Savings.

There will be a big Sidewalk Sale September 30 with door prizes, food and manager's specials throughout the day. Come in and check out the great buys, the fun and excitement of this special sale.

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 details.

Lunch menu for this week

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

Today - Mushroom stuffed chicken.

Friday - Hoki fish.

Monday - Mexican lunch.

Tuesday - Fried chicken.

Wednesday - Lasagna.

Thursday - Meatloaf.

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 offers a la carte and sub sandwich menus for lunch.

The Cactus Cafe offers a limited a la carte and sub sandwich menus for lunch. Call 577-6428 for info.

Family Restaurant full service

The Family Restaurant offers breakfast, lunch and dinner service.

Weekdays

Breakfast is served from 5:30-7:30

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 4:30-6 p.m. Price: \$3 military, \$4.50 civilian.

Weekends & Holidays

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

Family Night Dinner menu

Tonight - Roast beef dinner.

Next week - Baked ham dinner.

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

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

Waterparks close this month

The waterparks will close for the season September 30. Enjoy them while you can. ITT has tickets to Ragging Waters, Wet 'n'Wild and Hurricane Harbor.

ITT is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Call ITT at 577-6541 for more info or to get your tickets to Southern California's hottest attractions today.



Swimming pool hours

The Oasis Pool will be open Saturdays and Sundays throughout September.

During the week, all authorized patrons are authorized to utilize the Family Pool.

The Family Pool is open Tuesday through Sunday

from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The pool is open only to lap swimming from 11 a.m. to noon. Both pools close September 30.

For more info call Semper Fit at 577-6543.

Burro Run

Calico Ghost Town is holding their annual Burro Run October 8 at 11 a.m.

Ten runners who put up an entry fee must catch a burro, find and gather several samples of silver ore, register a claim, and reach the finish line before anyone else.

Sounds easy? Don't think so - burros tend to have their own way of thinking and doing things. Of course, just like in the wild and woolly West, there

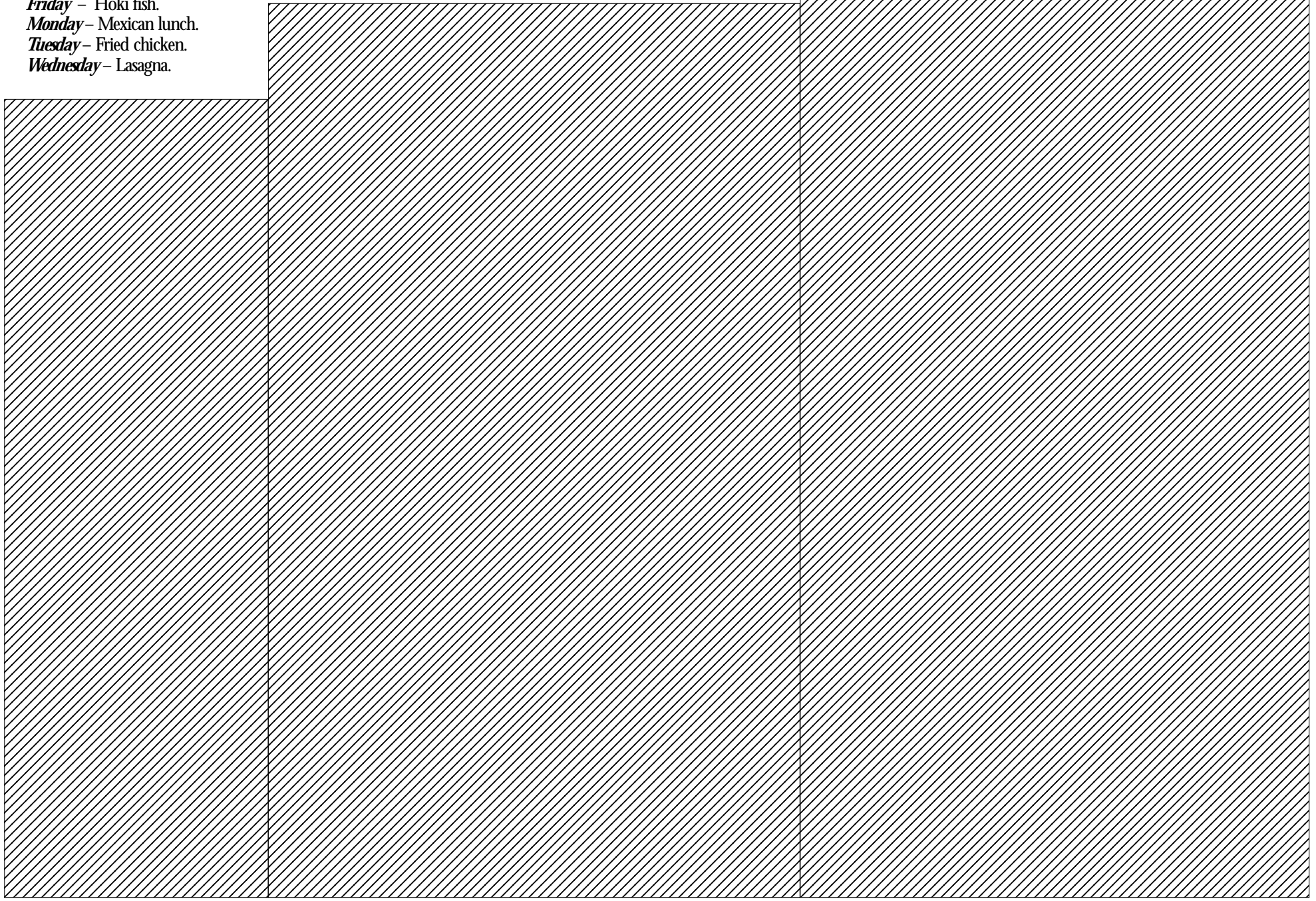
are claim jumpers trying to rob unwary prospectors.

Next, the Miner's Triathlon begins at noon with contestants rolling rocks, loading ore cars and arm wrestling.

The events are all part of Calico Days which runs October 6-8.

More info is available at the Calico Web site <http://www.calicotown.com> or call 1-800-TO-CALICO.

Calico is easy to reach. Take I-15 North to the Ghost Town Road exit, and follow the signs.



SPORTS



Photo by LCpl. Cory Kelly

League playoffs begin *Comm and Clinic II shut down the Officers and the No Names in the first round of play*

By LCpl. Cory Kelly
BARSTOW LOG staff

Comm took down the Officers, 52 - 38, in the first game of the playoffs Monday evening.

Comm's Elder Reyes held the victory in the palm of his hand with 29 points. The closest contributor was Pete Martinez with 10 points on the board.

Leading the Officers, Bryan McClune, made desperate attempt after desperate attempt to keep in the game, but as the book reads ... those were merely attempts. He scored 16 points for the officers before the clock closed the book.

"They tried to shut me down," Reyes, Comm's leading scorer said, "but they couldn't hold me - I'm too much for them."

Moving into the semifinals,

Reyes said Comm is ready and waiting to take it all.

In the second game of the evening, the Clinic II slid past the No Names, 45 - 42.

Pushing side by side for most of the game, the Clinic II and the No Names fought for every inch of the court.

Antrion Smith, Clinic II, broke through enemy lines time and time again leading his team with 15 points.

Almost as deadly, but on the losing side of the court, Giovanni Valladares, tossed up a fruitless 14 points.

"The No Names had two chances to tie it up in the last minute of the game," Elder Reyes, referee, said. "They just got out-hustled and out-played."

League final games begin Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the base gym.

Pete Martinez, Comm, tries to defy the laws of gravity in last week's win over the No Names. This time he succeeded. Unfortunately he isn't always this lucky.

GUNNY'S PICKS

Week 4



Herman "Spike" Speights of Long Beach, Calif., says he is "back in the house" this week as the Gunny's Picks winner. Spike nailed 12 of 13 games on the money.

The only one that he didn't get right was the Atlanta vs. Carolina game that almost everyone missed. Must have been a big upset.

Get your picks in early. Drop them off at PAO or e-mail them to editor@barstow.usmc.mil.

- *St. Louis at Atlanta
- Detroit at Chicago*
- *San Francisco at Dallas
- New England at Miami*
- Philadelphia at New Orleans*
- *Tennessee at Pittsburg

- Cincinnati at Baltimore *
- *Green Bay at Arizona
- Kansas City at Denver*
- Cleveland at Oakland*
- *Seattle at San Diego
- NY Jets at Tampa Bay*

*Washington at NY Giants

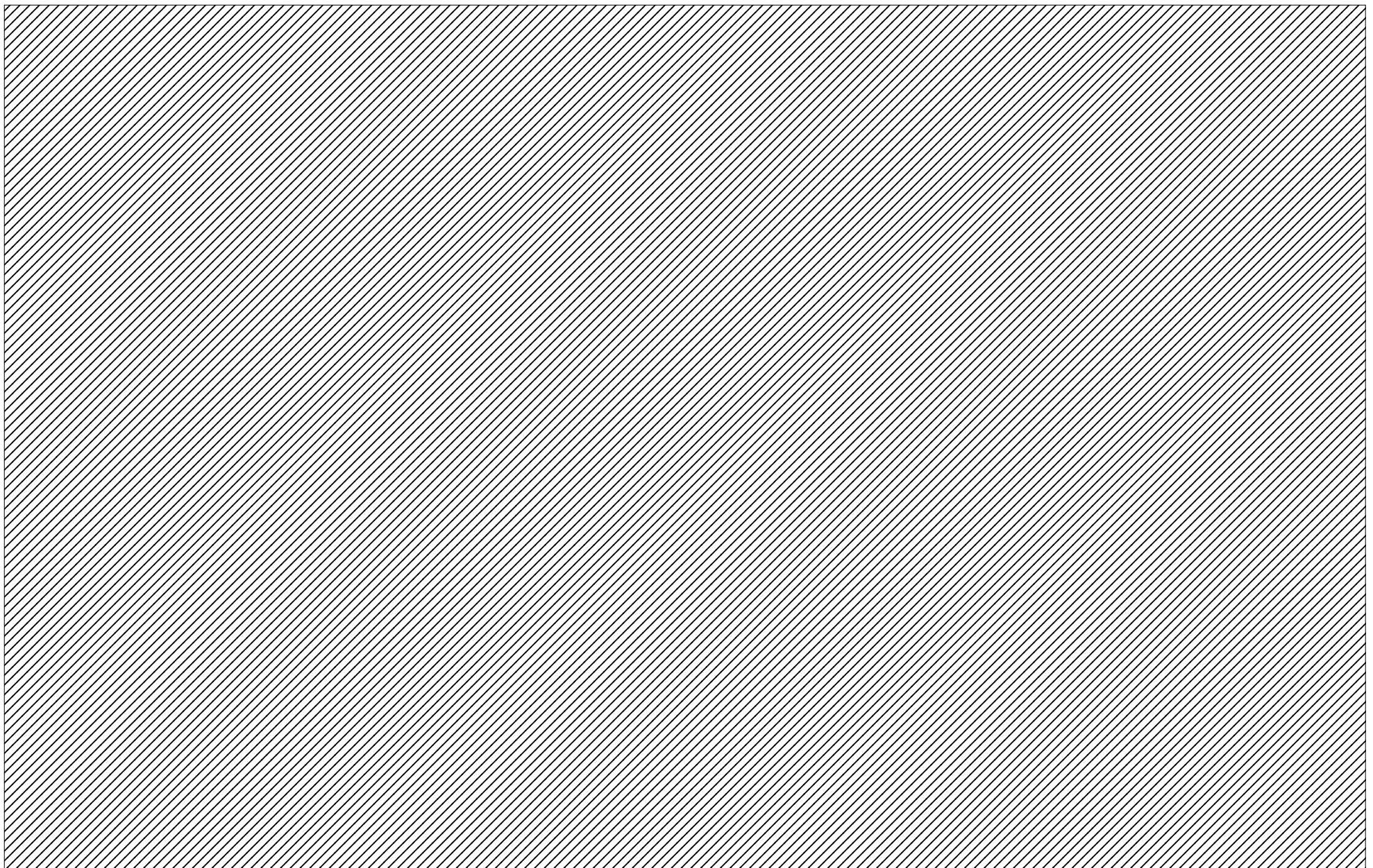
Monday Night

Jacksonville at Indianapolis* (48)

Total points: _____

Name, work section and phone number: _____

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



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

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.

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.

1981 CORVETTE: Mostly original, runs great, \$4,300 OBO. Call 252-7611 home, 254-5709 work.

1998 MITSUBISHI MONTERO SPORT SUV: 5 speed, only 23K miles, premium sound, luggage rack, two-tone paint, sparingly used, book value \$16,200 asking \$15,900. Call 255-3045.

1993 HONDA CIVIC: Coupe, A/C, P/S, P/D, P/W, sunroof, well maintained, spotless interior and engine, new tires and timing belt, plum color. Call 252-7357.

1954 CHEVY BELAIR: 2 Door, 210 model, needs paint and interior, 6 cyc/auto, \$1,500 OBO. See at 1260 Monterey. Call 252-3802.

MOTORCYCLE: 1990 Kawasaki KX-500, Pro-circuit pipe, Baja skid plate, Renthal bars, \$2,000. OBO. Call 256-6103.

MOTORCYCLE: 1998 Kawasaki KX-250, complete fresh motor, Renthal bars, Pro-circuit pipe and silencer, skid plate, hand guards, good tires and extra parts, \$3,500. Call 256-6103.

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

MOTORCYCLE: 1998 Yamaha YZ-125 new top end, Renthal bars, Pro-circuit pipe guard, case saver skid plate, good tires, \$3000. Call 256-6103.

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

PIANO: Hobart M. Gable by Story & Clark, beautiful condition, paid \$1,250, asking \$850 firm. Call 252-1059 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: New exercise equipment, Ab Roller, \$15; Nordic Rider, \$100; Fitness Flyer, \$75; Twist and Spin, \$10; Exercise Blade \$25; Suze Orman's "Financial Freedom"

series CDs and books, new, \$50. Call 253-5926.

MISCELLANEOUS: Cannondale road bike, Shimano Ultegra STI, xlt cond., will fit from 28 to 32 inseam, \$1,100 new, asking \$550. Call 252-7611 home, 254-5709 work.

MISCELLANEOUS: Bose sub-woofer, \$150; patio furniture, white plastic, round table, \$15; dining table, solid oak, seats 6-10, \$550, will accept payments; Kenmore range hood, 30", almond color, like new, \$30; playhouse for kids, large, \$25; barbecue grill, charcoal, \$10. Call 255-3045.

MISCELLANEOUS: Smittybilt front pushbar and rear tube bumper with hitch, black, \$250/both; 6-lug 15x8 polished Eagle alloy rims, perfect condition, \$225/set. All came off Nissan but are universal. Call 252-0039, Brian.

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

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS: One tool chest found in the Bldg. 573 Maintenance Center Compound, Yermo Annex; one set of car or truck keys; four gas masks found adjacent to Warehouse 5. To show proof of ownership or for any questions call Sgt. Miller or Cpl. Sotelo at 577-6409 or 577-6514.

CAR POOL: Car pool opening, driver wanted for established car pool, Mon-Fri 7 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Nebo. Call 951-2060 to sign up.

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fun. I have always said, "If I can get you hooked on archery, then you may spend a little more money on arrows and a little less on beer!"

Seriously though, I always remind each new-join that their assignment here can be the best of their career. They simply have to decide to make it the best by finding things to do which they enjoy.

Keeping busy and practicing their faith will help them make their experience at Barstow rewarding. It has been for me. I honestly can't imagine any assignment being better.

Many say that they fall in love with the desert. That has not been the case for me.

I still don't like the sand and the wind and the heat. But I have

thoroughly enjoyed the people here. I think the city of Barstow has some great leadership. I have met visionaries governing Barstow who believe in community more than personal profit. Keep up the great work.

It has been a pleasure to work in a cooperative effort with Ft. Irwin providing care to the many Soldiers living here.

It is difficult to articulate how blessed I feel to have been assigned here. It has been my great privilege to come here and serve you and work with so many great folks.

I can only hope that in some way I have been able to help you recognize the grace of God at work in each of your lives. My pocket reads, "U.S. Navy."

Consequently, it is time to go to sea and allow God to use me there. The Apostle Paul recorded my final challenge to you best:

"Not that I have already obtained all this or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it.

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Thank you for the privilege of being with you.
Blessings and Semper Fi,
Chaplain Michener

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hands of the warfighters quickly will save lives and secure the future of the Maintenance Center.

I know that we will become an ISO 9000 compliant organization in October, and we will sustain the effort to always provide quality products to our customers.

Together we will practice what we preach and make the statement "Mission First, People Always" a reality.

